

Appendix L1

Agency Correspondence

LIST OF AGENCY CORRESPONDENCES

Date	To	From	Subject
02/06/09	Federal Highway Administration	Texas Department of Transportation	SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Notification of Project Initiation on US 281
03/10/09	Federal Highway Administration	Texas Department of Transportation	SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Notification of Project Initiation on US 281
08/04/09	Public Officials	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Public Scoping Meeting #1
08/14/09	Federal Agencies	Federal Highway Administration	Invitation to become a Cooperating Agency
08/14/09	Tribes & Department of the Army, Fort Sam Houston	Federal Highway Administration	Invitation to become a Participating Agency
08/14/09	State Agencies	Texas Department of Transportation	Invitation to become a Participating Agency
08/17/09	Local Agencies	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Invitation to become a Participating Agency
08/18/09	Federal Highway Administration	Wichita Department of Environmental Programs	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency (appears to by typos within this letter regarding the project name/type of project)
08/20/09	Federal Highway Administration	Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
09/03/09	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	VIA Metropolitan Transit	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
09/08/09	Federal Highway Administration	US Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers	Response to invitation to become a Cooperating Agency
09/10/09	Federal Highway Administration	US Department of the Interior, US Geological Survey	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
09/14/09	Federal Highway Administration	US Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers	Response to invitation to become a Cooperating Agency (second letter)
09/14/09	Federal Highway Administration	Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
09/14/09	Texas Department of Transportation	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
09/22/09	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance	Response to invitation to participate in the Community Advisory Committee

Date	To	From	Subject
10/08/09	Federal Highway Administration	US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service	Response to invitation to become a Cooperating Agency
10/26/09	Texas Department of Transportation	Federal Highway Administration	Establishing a Peer Technical Review Committee
10/29/09	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
11/04/09	Cooperating & Participating Agencies	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting #2
11/04/09 03/10/10 10/01/10	Peer Technical Review Committee Members	Federal Highway Administration	Invitation to participate in the Peer Technical Review Committee
11/05/09	Public Officials	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Invitation to Public Scoping Meeting #2
11/25/09	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	US Environmental Protection Agency	Response to invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting #2
12/02/09	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Response to invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting #2
12/30/09	Federal Highway Administration	Department of the Army, Fort Sam Houston	Response to invitation to become a Participating Agency
03/15/10	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	VIA Metropolitan Transit	US 281 EIS and transit consideration
03/29/10	Public Officials	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Invitation to Public Meeting #3
06 /10 & 07/10	VIA Metropolitan Transit & Alamo Regional Mobility Authority		Letter of Agreement regarding US 281 EIS and transit considerations
07/13/10	US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service	Jacobs on behalf of Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Request for a Prime Farmland Evaluation
07/22/10	Jacobs on behalf of Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service	Response to request for a Prime Farmland Evaluation
10/18/10	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Endangered Bird Presence/Absence Surveys

Date	To	From	Subject
11/04/10	Cooperating & Participating Agencies	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU – coordination of methodologies to be used and level of detail required in the analysis of alternatives
05/11/11	Alamo Regional Mobility Authority	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Response to 10/18/10 letter regarding Endangered Bird Presence/Absence Surveys
11/14/11	Texas Department of Transportation	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Geological report and protective recommendations for a sensitive feature

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February 6, 2009

Ms. Janice W. Brown
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
300 E. 8th Street, Suite 826
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 notification of project initiation on US 281

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is initiating the environmental review process as required by SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 for an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed US 281 Corridor from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road (Bexar County Line). This is described in the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Mobility 2030 Plan and in the Transportation Improvement Plan as updated in January 2009, as an added capacity toll project for 6 additional main lanes to the existing lanes proposed in San Antonio, Texas within the Bexar County limits. However, alternatives to the described project, including a non-toll facility, will be analyzed and considered. The proposed project is approximately 7.9 miles and is located between 0.2 miles north of Loop 1604 and Borgfeld Road on US 281 (a project vicinity map is attached). The needs for the project, as currently defined, are compromised safety, decreased mobility and operational efficiency, and the necessity for expedited delivery and early implementation and the purposes of the project are to improve safety within the US 281 corridor, enhance mobility and operational efficiency and to deliver and implement the benefits in an expeditious manner.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) must serve as the lead Federal agency for this project, and TxDOT and the Alamo RMA will serve as joint lead agencies. The Alamo RMA will serve as the project sponsor. The responsibilities of the lead agencies are to:

- Establish a list of potentially participating and cooperating agencies
- Prepare and send invitations to potentially participating agencies
- Develop a SAFETEA-LU Section 6002-compliant Coordination Plan and schedule
- Provide opportunities for the public and participating agencies involvement in defining purpose and need and range of alternatives
- Consult with participating agencies in determining methodologies and the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives.

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In addition to an Environmental Impact Statement, it is anticipated that this project may require the approval of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and coordination with the Texas Historical Commission for the Section 106 process.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the US 281 Project or the SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 process as it pertains to this project, please contact Lisa Adelman of Alamo RMA at (210) 495-5499 or Stephen Ligon of TxDOT at (512) 416-2515.

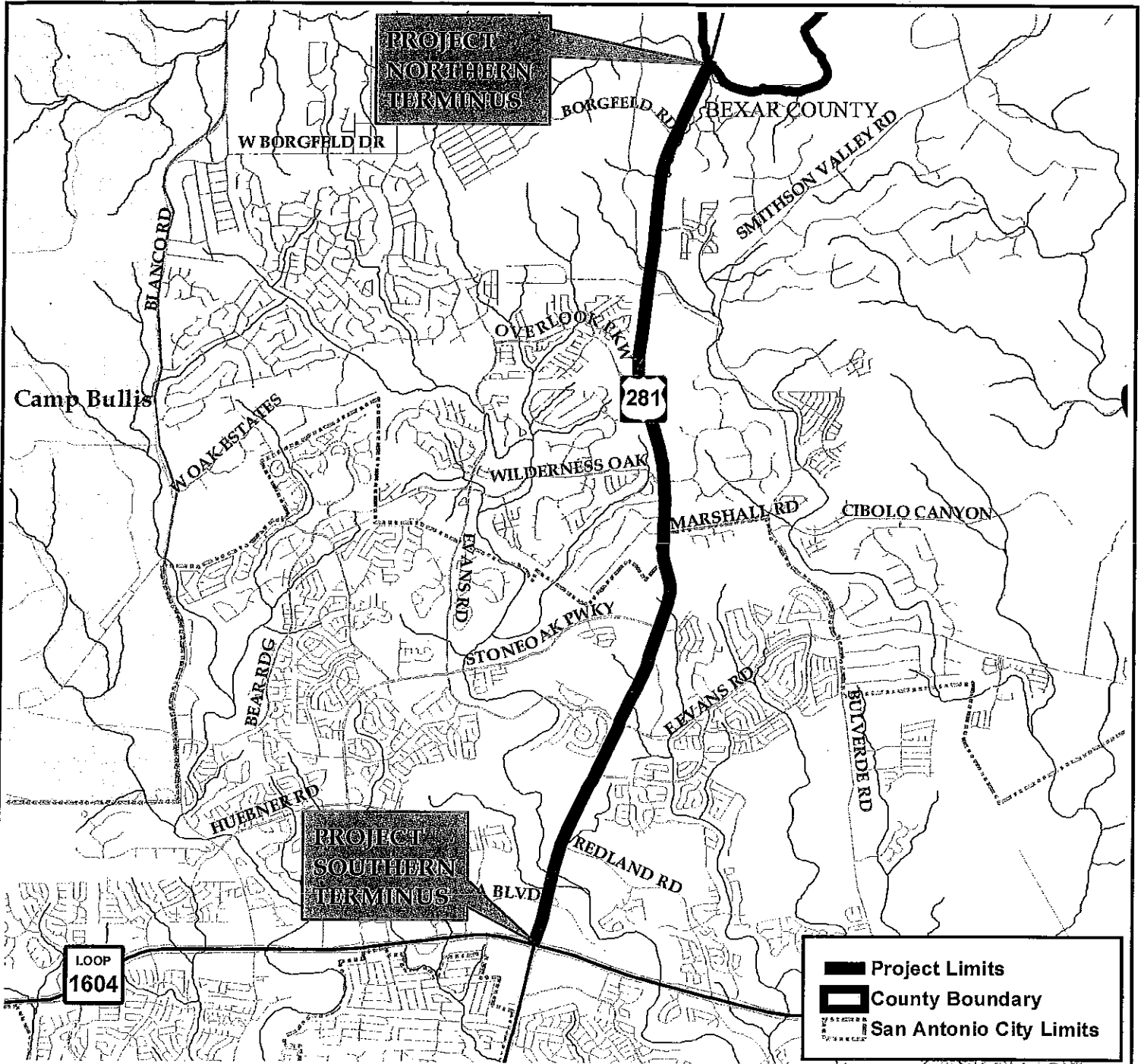
Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this project.

Sincerely,


Dianna F. Noble, P.E.
Director of Environmental Affairs

Enclosure (Map of Proposed Project)

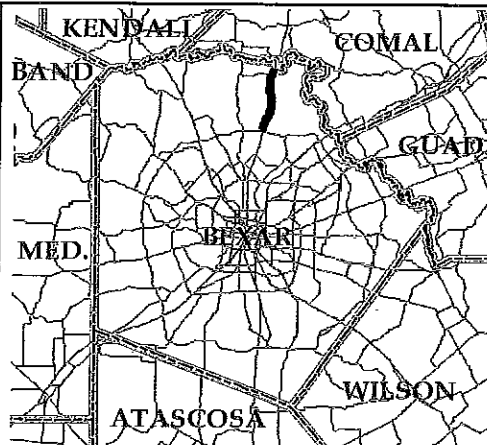
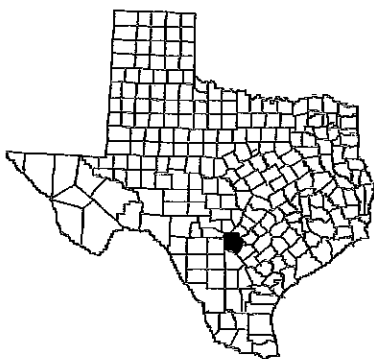
cc: Terry Brechtel, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
Mario G. Medina, P.E., San Antonio District, TxDOT
Stephen M. Ligon, Ecological Resources Management, ENV, TxDOT



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San Antonio Metropolitan Area Regional Municipality
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PROJECT MAP

281 North Toll Project

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March 10, 2009

Ms. Janice W. Brown
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
300 E. 8th Street, Suite 826
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: SAFETEA-LU 6002 notification of project initiation on US 281

Dear Ms. Brown:

In a prior letter, dated February 6, 2009, you were notified that the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is initiating the environmental review process as required by SAFETEA-LU 6002 for an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed US 281 Corridor from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road. This letter is to supplement the information that was provided in that notice.

The Control Section Job (CSJ) number for this project is 0253-04-138.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the US 281 Project or the SAFETEA-LU 6002 process as it pertains to this project, please contact Lisa Adelman of Alamo RMA at (210) 495-5499 or Stephen Ligon of TxDOT at (512) 416-2515.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Dianna F. Noble, P.E.
Director of Environmental Affairs

cc: Terry Brechtel, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
Lisa Adelman, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
Mario G. Medina, P.E., San Antonio District, TxDOT
Stephen M Ligon, Environmental Affairs Division, TxDOT

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August 4, 2009

The Honorable Carlos Uresti
State Senator, District 19
2530 SW Military Drive Ste 103
San Antonio, TX 78224

Dear Senator Uresti,

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) will hold a public scoping meeting regarding transportation improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road. The Alamo RMA is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, to analyze potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the human and natural environment from construction and operation of proposed transportation improvements.

The public is encouraged to attend this first EIS public scoping meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2009, anytime between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm, at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Gymnasium, 1602 Thousand Oaks Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78232. The meeting will be open-house format with a variety of materials available for viewing. Project team members will be available to discuss issues and answer questions regarding the proposed project and the EIS process.

The purpose of this meeting is to introduce the public to the proposed project, present the preliminary need and purpose, present preliminary alternatives, and gather information from the public about important issues and local concerns, including options for improving mobility within the US 281 corridor.

Please feel free to contact Leroy Alloway or Lisa Adelman at 210.495.5256 with any questions on this first Community Open House for the US 281 EIS.

Sincerely,

Terry M. Brechtel
Executive Director

Enclosure - US 281 EIS Community Open House Public Notice

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Letters regarding notification for public scoping meeting #1 were sent from the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to the following:

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Carlos Uresti State Senator, District 19 2530 SW Military Drive, 103 San Antonio, TX 78224	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Judith Zaffirini State Senator, District 21 12702 Toepperwein Road, Suite 214 San Antonio, TX 78233	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jeff Wentworth State Senator, District 25 1250 NE Loop 410, Suite 925 San Antonio, TX 78209	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Leticia Van de Putte State Senator, District 26 700 N. St. Mary's Street, Suite 1725 San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable John Carona Chairman, Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security PO Box 12068, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Rick Perry Governor of the State of Texas Office of the Governor, PO Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711-2428	August 4, 2009
The Honorable David Dewhurst Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas PO Box 12068, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Joe Straus Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Trey Martinez Fischer State Representative, District 116 1910 Fredricksburg Road San Antonio, TX 78201	August 4, 2009
The Honorable David Leibowitz State Representative, District 117 9107 Marbach Rd., Suite 111 San Antonio, TX 78245	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ruth McClendon State Representative, District 120 403 SW W. White Road, Suite 210 San Antonio, TX 78219	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Frank Corte State Representative, District 122 2040 Babcock, Suite 402 San Antonio, TX 78229	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Michael Villarreal State Representative, District 123 1114 S. St. Mary's Street, Suite 110 San Antonio, TX 78210	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jose Menendez State Representative, District 124 7121 US Highway 90 West, Suite 240 San Antonio, TX 78227	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Joe Farias State Representative, District 118 660 SW Military Drive, Suite L San Antonio, TX 78221	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Joaquin Castro State Representative, District 125 6502 Bandera, Suite 106 San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Joe Pickett Chair, House Committee on Transportation PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Julian Castro Mayor, City of San Antonio City of San Antonio, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Mary Alice P. Cisneros City Councilwoman, District 1 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ivy Taylor City Councilwoman, District 2 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jennifer V. Ramos City Councilwoman, District 3 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Phillip A. Cortez City Councilman, District 4 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ray Lopez City Councilman, District 6 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable David Medina City Councilman, District 5 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009

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The Honorable Justin Rodriguez City Councilman, District 7 Office of the City Council , PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Reed Williams City Councilman, District 8 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Elisa Chan City Councilwoman, District 9 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable John G. Clamp City Councilman, District 10 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 1 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Paul Elizondo Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 2 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Kevin Wolff Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 3 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Tommy Adkisson Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 4 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Charles Gonzalez 20th Congressional District of Texas United States House of Representatives B-124 Federal Bldg., 727 E. Durango San Antonio, TX 78206	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Lamar Smith 21st Congressional District of Texas United States House of Representatives 1100 NE Loop 410, Suite 640 San Antonio, TX 78209	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ciro Rodriguez 23rd Congressional District of Texas 1950 SW Military Drive San Antonio, TX 78221	August 4, 2009

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The Honorable Henry Cuellar 28th Congressional District of Texas 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 451 San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Nelson Wolff Bexar County Judge Bexar County Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Deirdre Delisi Texas Transportation Commission Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ted Houghton Texas Transportation Commission Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ned Holmes Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
The Honorable William Meadows Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Fred Underwood Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
Dr. Richard Middleton Superintendent, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Beth Plummer Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Susan Galindo Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Sandy Hughey Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009

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The Honorable Letti Bresnahan Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Randy Bristow Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Brigitte Perkins Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ed White Board Member, North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Denver McClendon Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Gary Beitzel Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Marcelo Casillas Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Anna Bustamante Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Roberto Zarate Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable James Rindfuss Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Charles Conner Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Gene Sprague Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009

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The Honorable Bernard Weiner Board Member, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
Dr. Bruce H. Leslie Chancellor, Alamo College District 201 W. Sheridan, Bldg. B, Room 111 San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Carol Patterson Board Member, District 1 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Byron Miller Board Member, District 2 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
The Honorable George Rice Board Member, District 3 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Benjamin Youngblood Board Member, District 4 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ron Ellis Board Member, District 5 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Susan Hughes Board Member, District 6 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Enrique Valdivia Board Member, District 7 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009
Ms. Velma Danielson General Manager Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	August 4, 2009

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The Honorable Názirite Rubén Pérez Board Member, District 1 San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Roberto Rodriguez Board Member, District 2 San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jeff Neathery Board Member, District 3 San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Thomas Weaver Board Member District 4 San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
Mrs. Suzanne Scott General Manager San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, Texas 78204	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Henry Muñoz, III Chairman VIA Board of Trustees Office of the President / CEO 800 W. Myrtle, PO Box 12489 San Antonio, TX 78212	August 4, 2009
Mr. Richard Perez President The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 602 E. Commerce San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
Mr. Victor Boyer Executive Director San Antonio Mobility Coalition 13526 George Road, Suite 107 San Antonio, TX 78230	August 4, 2009
Mr. Ramiro Cavazos President San Antnio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 318 W. Houston St., Suite 300 San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
Mr. Roy Thomas City Administrator City of Fair Oaks Ranch 7286 Diezt Elkhorn Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015	August 4, 2009

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The Honorable Louis Cooper City of Alamo Heights 6116 Broadway Alamo Heights, TX 78209	August 4, 2009
Ms. Rebecca Waldman City Manager City of Alamo Heights 6116 Broadway Alamo Heights, TX 78209	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Suzanne De Leon City of Balcones Heights City of Balcones Justice Center 3300 Hillcrest Drive San Antonio, TX 78201	August 4, 2009
Mr. Sean Pate City Administrator City of Balcones Heights City of Balcones Justice Center 3300 Hillcrest Drive San Antonio, TX 78201	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Marcy Harper City of Castle Hills 209 Lemonwood Drive San Antonio, TX 78213	August 4, 2009
Ms. Rita Hoyl Assistant City Manager City of Castle Hills 209 Lemonwood Drive San Antonio, TX 78213	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Dennis Dunk Town of China Grove 2456 FM 1516 San Antonio, TX 78263	August 4, 2009
Ms. Susan Conaway City Secretary Town of China Grove 2456 FM 1516 San Antonio, TX 78263	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Al Suarez City of Converse 403 South Seguin Converse, TX 78109	August 4, 2009
Mr. Samuel Hughes City Manager City of Converse 403 South Seguin Converse, TX 78109	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Thomas Hicks City of Elmendorf PO Box 717 Elmendorf, TX 78112	August 4, 2009

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Mr. Cody Dailey City Administrator City of Elmendorf PO Box 717 Elmendorf, TX 78112	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Dan Kasprowicz City of Fair Oaks Ranch 7826 Dietz Elkhorn Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Don Darst City of Grey Forest 18502 Scenic Loop Helotes, TX 78023	August 4, 2009
Ms. Shannon Kinsley City Secretary City of Grey Forest 18502 Scenic Loop Helotes, TX 78023	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Thomas Schoolcraft City of Helotes 12951 Bandera, PO Box 507 Helotes, TX 78023	August 4, 2009
Mr. Rick Schroder City Administrator, City of Helotes 12951 Bandera, PO Box 507 Helotes, TX 78023	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Kirk Francis City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	August 4, 2009
Mr. Frank Morales City Administrator City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Richard McIlveen Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	August 4, 2009
Ms. Janice Alamia City Secretary Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Johnny Duffek, Jr. City of Kirby 112 Bauman Kirby, TX 78219	August 4, 2009

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Ms. Zina Tedford City Manager City of Kirby 112 Bauman Kirby, TX 78219	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Chris Riley City of Leon Valley 6400 El Verde Road Leon Valley, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
Mr. Lanny Lambert City Manager City of Leon Valley 6400 El Verde Road Leon Valley, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Joe Painter City of Live Oak 8001 Shin Oak Drive Live Oak, TX 78233	August 4, 2009
Mr. Matt Smith City Manager City of Live Oak 8001 Shin Oak Drive Live Oak, TX 78233	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ronald Tefteller City of Olmos Park 119 W. El Prado Drive San Antonio, TX 78212	August 4, 2009
Ms. Amy Buckert City Manager City of Olmos Park 119 W. El Prado Drive San Antonio, TX 78212	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jim Parma City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	August 4, 2009
Mr. Kenneth Roberts City Manager City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	August 4, 2009
The Honorable A. David Marne City of Shavano Park 900 Saddletree Court Shavano Park, TX 78231	August 4, 2009
Mr. Manuel Longoria City Manager City of Shavano Park 900 Saddletree Court Shavano Park, TX 78231	August 4, 2009

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The Honorable Paul Cuellar City of Somerset 7360 E. 6th Street Somerset, TX 78069	August 4, 2009
Ms. Melissa Gonzalez City Administrator City of Somerset 7360 E. 6th Street Somerset, TX 78069	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Hal Baldwin City of Schertz 1400 Schertz Parkway Schertz, TX 78154	August 4, 2009
Mr. Don Taylor City Manager City of Schertz 1400 Schertz Parkway Schertz, TX 78154	August 4, 2009
The Honorable J Bradford Camp City of Terrell Hills 5100 N. New Braunfels San Antonio, TX 78209	August 4, 2009
Mr. J. Mark Browne City Manager City of Terrell Hills 5100 N. New Braunfels San Antonio, TX 78209	August 4, 2009
The Honorable John H. Williams City of Universal City 2150 Universal City Blvd. Universal City, TX 78148	August 4, 2009
Mr. Ken Taylor City Manager City of Universal City 2150 Universal City Blvd. Universal City, TX 78148	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Rick Bruns City of Windcrest 8601 Midcrown Windcrest, TX 78239	August 4, 2009
Mr. Ronnie Cran City Administrator City of Windcrest 8601 Midcrown Windcrest, TX 78239	August 4, 2009
Mr. Mario Medina, P.E. District Engineer Texas Department of Transportation PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229	August 4, 2009

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Ms. Julia Brown , P.E. District Deputy Engineer Texas Department of Transportation PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229	August 4, 2009
Mr. Amadeo Saenz, P.E. Executive Director Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
Mr. David Casteel, P.E. Assistant Executive Director for District Operations Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
Mr. Phillip Russell, P.E. Assistant Executive Director for Innovative Project Development Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	August 4, 2009
Mr. Seth Mitchell Chief of Staff Bexar County Bexar County Courthouse 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
Mr. Joe Aceves, P.E. Executive Director of Infrastructure Services Bexar County 233 North Pecos La Trinidad, Ste 420 San Antonio, TX 78207	August 4, 2009
Mr. Isidro Martinez Director San Antonio Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization 825 South St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78205	August 4, 2009
Mr. Keith Parker President & CEO VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority 800 W. Myrtle, PO Box 12489 San Antonio, TX 78212	August 4, 2009
Mr. Duane Wilson President & CEO North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 12930 Country Parkway San Antonio, TX 78216	August 4, 2009
Ms. Mary Cruz President West San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 314 El Paso San Antonio, TX 78207	August 4, 2009

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Ms. Cindy Taylor President South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 8005 Crouch Road, Building 624E Brooks City-Base San Antonio, TX 78235	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Katie Reed Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable M'Lissa Chumbley Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Karen Freeman Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable George Britton, Jr. Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Annie Holmes Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Robert Blunt, Jr. Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Randall Fields Trustee Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
Mr. John Folks Superintendent Northside ISD 5900 Evers Road San Antonio, TX 78238	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Roland Gutierrez State Representative , District 119 3319 Sidney Brooks San Antonio, TX 78235	August 4, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #1 – Open House Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Danny Scheel Comal County Judge 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Donna Eccleston Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 1 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jay Milikin Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 2 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Gregory Parker Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 3 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Jan Kennady Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 4 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Ray Jeffrey Mayor City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	August 4, 2009
Ms. Tiffany Littlepage City Secretary City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	August 4, 2009
The Honorable Doug Miller State Representative, District 73 387 W. Mill Street New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 4, 2009

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August 14, 2009

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In Reply Refer To:
HA-TX

Mr. Steven Brooks
Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 17300
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed transportation project on US 281. The project limits are from Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas, to Borgfeld Road near the Bexar/Comal County line (CSJ 0253-04-138). The objectives of US 281 corridor improvements, as currently defined, are to improve mobility, enhance safety, and improve community quality of life. Additional information regarding the proposed project can be found in the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI).

Your agency has been identified as an agency that may have an interest in the proposed project due to the potential for a Section 404 permit which may be required for the proposed project. With this letter, we extend your agency an invitation to become a Participating Agency with the FHWA in the development of the EIS for the subject project. This designation does not imply that your agency either supports the proposal or has any special expertise with respect to evaluation of the proposed project.

FHWA also requests the participation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of the DEIS and FEIS, in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provision of the National Environmental Policy Act.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Cooperating Agencies are similar to Participating Agencies, but have a higher degree of authority, responsibility, and involvement in the environmental review process. As a Cooperating Agency, your special expertise permits you, as



requested by the Lead Agency, to develop information and prepare environmental analyses for the EIS. As a Participating Agency responsibilities include identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the project. We suggest that your agency's role in the development of the above project should include the following as they relate to your area of expertise:

- 1: Provide meaningful and early input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
- 2: Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews as appropriate.
- 3: Timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

Again, FHWA is inviting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to serve in both a Cooperating Agency capacity as well as a Participating Agency capacity. Please respond to FHWA in writing with an acceptance or denial of the invitations prior to September 15, 2009. If your agency declines, the response should state your reason for declining either invitation. If you choose to decline, you must specifically state in your response that your agency:

- Has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the proposed project;
- Has no expertise or information relevant to the proposed project; and
- Does not intend to submit comments on the proposed project.

We are also transmitting a copy of the draft SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Coordination Plan for your review and comment. The draft Coordination Plan provides additional insight regarding the overall Section 6002 process as well as specific roles and responsibilities for Cooperating and Participating Agencies.

Finally, we are inviting your participation at the upcoming Scoping Meeting. An Agency Scoping Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Gymnasium, 1602 Thousand Oaks Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78232. Later that same day and at the same location, the public is invited to attend a Public Scoping Meeting/Open House anytime between 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the proposed project or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact:

Mr. Ted West, P.E., Urban Programs Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
300 E. 8th Street, Ste. 826
Austin, Texas 78701-3233
(512) 536-5959

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Salvador Deocampo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Salvador Deocampo
District Engineer

Enclosures: Project NOI, Draft Coordination Plan, Study Area Map

cc: Ms. Lisa Adelman, Alamo RMA
Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E., TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

Letters of Invitations to be a Cooperating Agency were sent from Federal Highway Administration to the following:

Invitations to be a Cooperating Agency	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Steven Brooks Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District U.S. Army Corp of Engineers PO Box 17300 Fort Worth, TX 76102	August 14, 2009
Mr. Donald W. Gohmert State Conservationist U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service 101 South Main Temple, TX 76501	August 14, 2009
Mr. Larry Starfield (Acting) Regional Administrator, Region 6 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, TX 75202-2733	August 14, 2009
Mr. Adam Zerrenner Supervisor, Austin Ecological Services Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200 Austin, TX 78758	August 14, 2009
Mr. Willie R. Taylor, Ph.D. Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance U.S. Department of the Interior Main Interior Building (MS 2462) 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20240	August 14, 2009
Ms. Peggy Crist Director, Planning and Program Development Federal Transit Administration 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36 Fort Worth, TX 76102-9003	April 7, 2010



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In Reply Refer To:
HA-TX

Andele Worthington
BIA-Anadarko
P.O. Box 309
Anadarko, OK 73005

Dear Andele Worthington:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed transportation project on US 281. The project limits are from Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas, to Borgfeld Road near the Bexar/Comal County line (CSJ 0253-04-138). The objectives of US 281 corridor improvements, as currently defined, are to improve mobility, enhance safety, and improve community quality of life. Additional information regarding the proposed project can be found in the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI).

The proposed project is located in an area that may be of interest to your Tribe. With this letter, we extend your Tribe an invitation to become a Participating Agency with the FHWA in the development of the EIS for the subject project. This designation does not imply that your Tribe either supports the proposal or has any special expertise with respect to evaluation of the proposed project.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Participating Agencies are responsible to identify, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the proposed project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the proposed project. We suggest that your Tribe's role in the development of the above project should include the following as they relate to your area of expertise:



- 1: Provide meaningful and early input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
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- 3: Timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your tribe on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

Please respond to FHWA in writing by September 15, 2009, if your tribe wishes to become a Participating Agency.

We are also transmitting a copy of the draft SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Coordination Plan for your review and comment. The draft Coordination Plan provides additional insight regarding the overall Section 6002 process as well as specific roles and responsibilities for Participating Agencies.

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Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,



Salvador Deocampo
District Engineer

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cc: Ms. Lisa Adelman, Alamo RMA
Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E., TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

Letters of Invitations to be a Participating Agency were sent from Federal Highway Administration to the following:

Invitations to be a Participating Agency	Date Letter Sent
Andele Worthington BIA-Anadarko PO Box 309 Anadarko, OK 73005	August 14, 2009
Mr. John Tointigh Tribal Administrator Apache Tribe of Oklahoma PO Box 1220 Anadarko, OK 73005	August 14, 2009
Mr. Gary McAdams President Wichita and Affiliated Tribes PO Box 729 Anadarko, OK 73005	August 14, 2009
Ronnie Thomas Chairperson Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas 575 State Park Road 56 Livingston, TX 77351	August 14, 2009
Tarpie Yargee Chief Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town PO Box 187 Wetumka, OK 74883	August 14, 2009
LaRue Parker Chairperson Caddo Nation of Oklahoma PO Box 487 Binger, OK 73009	August 14, 2009
Ms. Ruth Toahty NAGPRA Coordinator Comanche Nation of Oklahoma PO Box 908 Lawton, OK 73502	August 14, 2009
Mr. Evans Horse Chairperson Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma PO Box 369 Carnegie, OK 73015	August 14, 2009
Mr. Mark Chino President Mescalero Apache Tribe PO Box 227 Mescalero, NM 88340	August 14, 2009

Invitations to be a Participating Agency	Date Letter Sent
Enoch Kelley Haney Principal Chief Seminole Nation of Oklahoma PO Box 1498 Wewoka, OK 74884	August 14, 2009
Mr. Edgar French President The Delaware Nation PO Box 825 Anadarko, OK 73005	August 14, 2009
Mr. Anthony Street President Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma 1 Rush Buffalo Road Tonkawa, OK 74653	August 14, 2009
Mr. James V. Cannizzo Administrative and Civil Law U.S. Army AMEDDDC&S AND FSH 1306 Stanley Rd. (Bldg. 134) Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-5019	December 8, 2009



August 14, 2009

Mark R. Vickery, P.G.
Executive Director
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Dear Mr. Vickery:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed transportation project on US 281. The project limits are from Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas, to Borgfeld Road near the Bexar/Comal County line (CSJ 0253-04-138). The objectives of US 281 corridor improvements, as currently defined, are to improve mobility, enhance safety, and improve community quality of life. Additional information regarding the proposed project can be found in the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI).

Your agency has been identified as an agency that may have an interest in the proposed project. With this letter, we extend your agency an invitation to become a Participating Agency with TxDOT in the development of the EIS for the subject project. This designation does not imply that your agency either supports the proposal or has any special expertise with respect to evaluation of the proposed project.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the proposed project or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact:

Mr. Stephen Ligon
Environmental Resources Management Branch
Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701-2483
(512) 416-2515

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,



Dianna F. Noble, P.E.
Environmental Affairs Division Director

Enclosures: Project NOI, Draft Coordination Plan, Study Area Map

cc: Ms. Lisa Adelman, Alamo RMA

Mr. Salvador Deocampo, District Engineer, Texas Division, FHWA

Letters of invitations to be a participating agency were sent from Texas Department of Transportation to the following:

Invitations to be a Participating Agency	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Mark R. Vickery, P.G. Executive Director Texas Commission on Environmental Quality PO Box 10387 Austin, TX 78711-3087	August 14, 2009
Mr. Mark Wolfe Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer PO Box 12276 Austin, TX 78711-2276	August 14, 2009
Mr. Carter Smith Executive Director Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 78744	August 14, 2009



August 17, 2009

Ms. Gloria C. Arriaga
Executive Director
Alamo Area Council of Governments
8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700
San Antonio, TX 78217-6228

Dear Ms. Arriaga:

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The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed transportation project on US 281. The project limits are from Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas, to Borgfeld Road near the Bexar/Comal County line (CSJ 0253-04-138). The objectives of US 281 corridor improvements, as currently defined, are to improve mobility, enhance safety, and improve community quality of life. Additional information regarding the proposed project can be found in the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI).

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August 19, 2009

- 1: Provide meaningful and early input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
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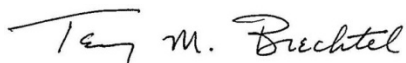
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If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the proposed project or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact:

Ms. Lisa Adelman
Legal Counsel to the Alamo RMA
1222 N. Main Ave, 10th Floor
San Antonio, Texas 78212
(210) 495-5499

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,



Terry M. Brechtel
Executive Director

Enclosures: Project NOI, Draft Coordination Plan, Study Area Map

cc: Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E., TxDOT – Environmental Affairs Division
Mr. Salvador Deocampo, District Engineer, Texas Division, FHWA

Letters of invitations to be a participating agency were sent from Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to the following:

Invitations to be a Participating Agency	Date Letter Sent
Ms. Gloria C. Arriaga Executive Director Alamo Area Council of Governments 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 San Antonio, TX 78217-6228	August 17, 2009
General Manager Bexar Metropolitan Water District PO Box 245994 San Antonio, TX 78224-5994	August 17, 2009
The Honorable Julian Castro Mayor City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	August 17, 2009
Ms. Velma R. Danielson General Manager Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78215	August 17, 2009
The Honorable Ray Jeffrey Mayor City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	August 17, 2009
Mr. Isidro Martinez Director San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization 825 S. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78205	August 17, 2009
Mr. Keith Parker President & CEO VIA Metropolitan Transit 800 W. Myrtle Avenue San Antonio, TX 78212	August 17, 2009
Mr. Robert R. Puente, J.D. President & CEO San Antonio Water System PO Box 2449 San Antonio, TX 78298-2449	August 17, 2009
The Honorable Danny Scheel County Judge Comal County 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	August 17, 2009

Invitations to be a Participating Agency	Date Letter Sent
Ms. Suzanne B. Scott General Manager San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther Street San Antonio, TX 78204	August 17, 2009
The Honorable Nelson W. Wolff County Judge Bexar County Bexar County Courthouse 100 Dolorosa, Suite 1.20 San Antonio, TX 78205	August 17, 2009
Mr. Tim Treviño Public Relations Director Alamo Area Rural Planning Organization 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 San Antonio, TX 78217	November 4, 2010



Wichita Department of Environmental Programs

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August 18, 2009

Department of Transportation
Attn: Salvador Deocampo
300 E. 8th Street, Room 826
Austin, Texas 78701-3255

Dear Mr. Deocampo:

The Environmental Office of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has reviewed the documents you sent us in regards to the following proposed project of an Unguyed – Free Standing Tower described as:

Project: Transportation project on US 281

Location: Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas to Borgfeld Road near the Bexar/Comal County Line

At this time the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes do not have any objections to the proposed project of a New Tower. However, we do have concerns in regards to the unearthing of cultural items or human remains. Please be advised that if such an event does occur your company shall cease all activities and inform the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes immediately. It should be noted that Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas have known historic sites and any discovery shall be reported to the Tribe immediately. Upon notification we will send a Tribal representative to the site to determine if any items or remains may be associated with the Wichita people.

Sincerely,

Jason Prince, General Assistance Program, Technician
Wichita Department of Environmental Programs

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Mr. Ted West, P.E., Urban Programs Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
300 E. 8th Street, Ste. 826
Austin, Texas 78701-3233
EMAIL-texas.fhwa@dot.gov

Date: August 20, 2009

Regarding the proposed construction projects listed we submit the following:

RE: Proposed transportation project on US 281 – Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas, to Borgfeld Road near the Bexas/Comal County line

The Tonkawa Tribe has no specifically designated historical or cultural sites identified in the above listed project area. However if any human remains, funerary objects, or other evidence of historical or cultural significance is inadvertently discovered then the Tonkawa Tribe would certainly be interested in proper disposition thereof.

We appreciate notification by your office of the many projects on-going, and as always the Tonkawa Tribe is willing to work with your representatives in any manner to uphold the provisions of NAGPRA to the extent of our capability.

Respectfully,

NAGPRA Representative

Concurrence:

Tonkawa Tribe Business Committee

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September 3, 2009

Ms. Terry Brechtel
Executive Director
Alamo RMA
1222 N. Main Avenue, Suite 1000
San Antonio, Texas 78212

Dear ^{Terry}Ms. Brechtel,

In response to your letter dated August 17, 2009 regarding the proposed transportation project on US 281, VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA) accepts the invitation to be a participating agency, in accordance with Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU, for the EIS. VIA is pleased that the EIS will develop and evaluate a range of alternatives including rapid transit. Jesse Balleza, Vice President of Strategic Planning and Project Development, will be VIA's point of contact for this project.

VIA looks forward to working with the Alamo RMA on this important transportation project for our community.

Sincerely,


Keith T. Parker, AICP
President/CEO

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

P.O. BOX 17300

FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

September 8, 2009

Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division
Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Project Number SWF-2009-00366, US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road

Mr. Ted West, P.E.
Federal Highway Administration
300 East 8th Street, Suite 826
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Mr. West, P.E.:

Thank you for your letter received 08/17/2009. Your request has been assigned Project Number SWF-2009-00366.

Mr. Eric Dephouse has been assigned as the regulatory project manager for your request and will be evaluating it as expeditiously as possible. However, because of our permit workload it may take a while for us to respond.

You may be contacted for additional information about your request. For your information, please reference the Fort Worth District Regulatory Branch homepage at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/regulatory> and particularly guidance on submittals at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/pubdate/enviro/regulatory/introduction/submittal.pdf>, and mitigation at http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/final_cmr.aspx that may help you supplement your current request or prepare future requests.

If you have any questions about the evaluation of your submittal or would like to request a copy of one of the documents referenced above, please contact Mr. Eric Dephouse at the address above or telephone (817) 886-1820 and refer to your assigned project number. Please note that it is unlawful to start work without a Department of the Army permit if one is required.

Please help the Regulatory Program improve its service by completing the survey on the following website: <http://per2.nwp.usace.army.mil/survey.html>.

Stephen L Brooks
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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TEXAS DIVISION
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In Reply Refer To:
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Mr. Salvador Deocampo
District Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
300 E. 8th St.
Room 826
Austin, TX 78701-3255

Subject: HA-TX, Invitation to Become a Participating Agency for the Environmental Review Process, US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road, Bexar, County, TX

Dear Ms. Whitney:

This is in response to your letter dated August 14, 2009 to the Director of the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance requesting that the U.S. Department of the Interior serve as a participating agency on the subject environmental review process.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) declines the request to be an official participating agency for this NEPA activity. The basis of this decision is that the USGS has no official jurisdiction or authority with respect to the project or the natural resources that may be affected by the proposed action. However, the USGS is a source of scientific data and expertise concerning the natural resources of the project area.

If you have any questions concerning our decision, you can contact me at (703) 648-4423. For information concerning the natural resources of the project area, contact Robert Joseph, Director of the USGS Texas Water Science Center, at (.512) 927-3502.

Sincerely,

James F. Devine

Senior Advisor for Science Applications

Copies to:
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September 11, 2009

Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division
Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Project Number SWF-2009-00366, U.S. 281 From Loop 1604 To Borgfeld Road

Mr. Ted West
Federal Highway Administration
300 East 8th Street, Suite 826
Austin, Texas 78701-3233

Dear Mr. West:

Thank you for your letter received August 17, 2009, concerning a proposal by the Federal Highway Administration, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to initiate the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for a proposed transportation project in the U.S. 281 corridor, in San Antonio, in the county of Bexar, Texas. This project has been assigned Project Number SWF-2009-00366. Please include this number in all future correspondence concerning this project. Failure to reference the project number may result in a delay.

We have reviewed this project in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Under Section 404, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulates the discharge of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. Our responsibility under Section 10 is to regulate any work in, or affecting, navigable waters of the United States. Any such discharge or work requires Department of the Army authorization in the form of a permit. For more information on the USACE Regulatory Program, please reference the Fort Worth District Regulatory Branch homepage at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/regulatory>.

The USACE can act as a cooperating agency and participating agency for the EIS process. However, we are unable to determine from the information that you provided in your letter whether Department of the Army authorization will be required, and if so, in what form. We have determined that areas subject to Section 404 regulation, such as rivers, streams and creeks, as well as wetlands, playa lakes, on-channel ponds, isolated ponds, abandoned sand and gravel & construction pits, and other associated areas may occur within the proposed project area. Mechanized land clearing & grading, constructing temporary and permanent road crossings (including bridges), support facilities and associated drainage features and structures are examples of projects that may require Department of the Army authorization where they occur in waters of the United States. The proposed construction activities may be authorized by general permit, such as Nationwide Permit (NWP) 14 for Linear Transportation Projects. We have

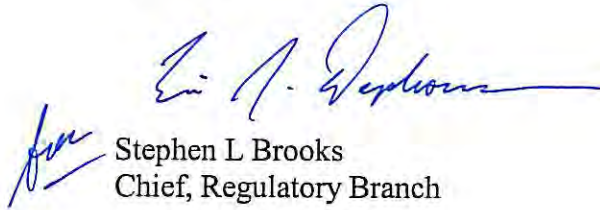
enclosed a copy of this general permit for your reference. If the project does not meet the terms and conditions of a general permit, an individual permit would be required for authorization.

Important cultural resources are known to occur in the vicinity of the project area. In addition, threatened and endangered species, including the Ground Beetle (*Rhadine infernalis*, *Rhadine exilis*), Black-Capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*), Braken Bat Cave Meshweaver (*Cicurina venii*), Cokendolpher Cave Harvestman (*Texella cokendolpheri*), Comal Springs Dryopid Beetle (*Stygoparnus comalensis*), Comal Springs Riffle Beetle (*Heterelmis comalensis*), Fountain Darter (*Etheostoma fonticola*), Golden-Cheeked Warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), Government Canyon Bat Cave Meshweaver (*Cicurina vespera*), Government Canyon Bat Cave Spider (*Neoleptoneta microps*), Helotes Mold Beetle (*Batrisodes ventyivi*), Madla's Cave Meshweaver (*Cicurina madla*), Peck's Cave Amphipod (*Stygobromus pecki*), Robber Baron Cave Meshweaver (*Cicurina baronia*), San Marcos Gambusia (*Gambusia georgei*), San Marcos Salamander (*Eurycea nana*), Texas Blind Salamander (*Typhlomolge rathbuni*), Texas Wild-Rice (*Zizania texana*), and the Whooping Crane (*Grus Americana*) are known to occur in Bexar County. Please consider the potential effects of your proposed action on cultural resources, as well as threatened and endangered species in your planning efforts. For additional information about threatened and endangered species, please contact the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

We encourage you to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to streams, wetlands, and other waters of the United States in planning this project. When more detailed information about the project is available, please provide us with a fully completed application for NWP 14 for Linear Transportation Projects (if applicable) and/or fully completed application for Individual Permit, including the ENG Form 4345 (if applicable). These forms are located on the Fort Worth District Regulatory Branch homepage at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/pubdata/envIRON/regulatory/permitting/applicationforms/applicationforms.asp>. In addition, please include on exhibits within your submittal areas where previously issued USACE permits apply and are in effect. Also, please explain whether or not this project is a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Please refer to the enclosed guidance for Department of the Army submittals for additional details about what you should submit. Please forward your response as soon as possible so that evaluation of your request may continue. Please note that it is unlawful to start work without a Department of the Army permit if one is required.

Thank you for your interest in our nation's water resources. For your information, please reference the Fort Worth District Regulatory Branch homepage at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/regulatory> and particularly guidance on submittals at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/pubdata/enviro/regulatory/introduction/submittal.pdf>, and mitigation at http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/final_cmr.aspx that may help you supplement your current request or prepare future requests. If you have any questions concerning our regulatory program, please contact Eric Dephouse at the address above or telephone (817) 886-1820.

Sincerely,

 Stephen L Brooks
Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosure

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ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TEXAS

571 State Park Rd 56 • Livingston, Texas 77351 • (936) 563-1100

September 14, 2009

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TEXAS DIVISION
FHWA

Ted West, P.E.
Urban Programs Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
300 E. 8th Street, Suite 826
Austin, Texas 78701-3233

Dear Mr. West:

On behalf of Chief Oscola Clayton Sylestine and the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, our appreciation is expressed on your agency's efforts to consult us regarding HA-TX the proposed environmental assessment for US 281 transportation project in Bexar County.

Our Tribe maintains ancestral associations throughout the state of Texas despite the absence of written records to completely identify Tribal activities, villages, trails, or burial sites. However, it is our objective to ensure significances of Native American ancestry, especially of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, are administered with the utmost regard.

Upon review of the August 14, 2009 information summary submitted to our Tribe, we decline the opportunity to participate in this consultation. The proposed location exists beyond our perimeter of interest for Bexar County. Therefore, no impacts to religious, cultural, or historical assets of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas will occur in conjunction with this proposal.

Should you require additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bryant J. Celestine
Historic Preservation Officer

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September 14, 2009

Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E.
Environmental Affairs Division Director
Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701-2483

RE: Invitation to Become a Participating Agency with Texas Department of Transportation in the Development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for US 281, From Loop 1604 North to Borgfeld Road Near Bexar/Comal County Line, Bexar County (CSJ 0253-04-138)

Dear Ms. Noble:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is pleased to accept your invitation to become a participating agency for the proposed subject EIS and looks forward to participating in the development of the EIS. I will be the point of contact on this project. Please direct any project related information to my attention. I regret that I was not able to attend the Scoping Meeting on August 27, 2009 in San Antonio due to a prior commitment and would like to request that the information provided at the meeting be sent to me. I can be reached at (512) 389-8054 or by email karen.clary@tpwd.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Karen H. Clary, Ph.D.
Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program
Wildlife Division

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September 22, 2009

Alamo RMA
Attn: Leroy Alloway
1222 N. Main, Ste. 1000
San Antonio, TX 78212

Dear Mr. Alloway,

The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide initial comments on the EIS-CAC process to assess improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road.

According to the US 281 EIS Community Involvement Plan, the Alamo RMA Board of Directors chose to invite 14 organizations¹, which represent interests of residents who live along the US 281 corridor. Additionally, the Alamo RMA Board invited five organizations² with business activity or interests along the US 281 corridor. As the US 281 corridor is located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone, the city's main source of water, all residents of San Antonio - and the larger Texas Hill Country - will be affected by any decisions that come out of this EIS process.

We ask that the Alamo RMA Board extend an invitation for participation on the CAC to individuals and/or organizations with broader, city-wide focus. Broadening the composition of the group would better facilitate well-rounded discussion regarding this stretch of US 281 and the environmentally vulnerable land on which it is located.

Though we appreciate that three environmental non-profits³ have been invited to participate in the CAC, **GEAA requests that the committee be further expanded to include representatives from several additional environmentally-focused non-profit organizations**, such as the Texas Cave Management Association and Bexar Audubon Society. The proposed highway expansion occurs in proximity to protected lands and

¹Big Springs HOA, Cavalo Creek Estates HOA, Cibolo Canyons Resort Community, Inc., District 9 Neighborhood Alliance, Emerald Forest HOA, Encino Park HOA, Encino Ranch HOA, Lookout Canyon HOA and Property Owners Association, Mesa Vista HOA, Mountain Lodge HOA, Stone Oak Property Owners Assoc., Summerglen HOA, Timberwood Park HOA, Comal County Resident

²H-E-B Grocery Company, Methodist Stone Oak Hospital, North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate Council of San Antonio, Stone Oak Business Assoc.

³Alamo Sierra Club, Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

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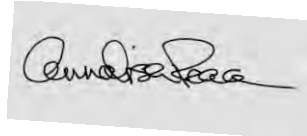
will impact caves, critical recharge areas, endangered species habitats, and other unique environmental resources. Extending an invitation to citizen groups that promote alternative, non-auto-centric transportation, like Bexar Trails, could also heighten the CAC's discussions and proposed solutions significantly. We have listed contact information for these organizations as an attachment.

Expanding the CAC in these ways would better balance the composition of the CAC and would more closely reflect the mission stated in the CAC Charter: "The CAC is intended to provide diverse representation of the communities and related interests potentially affected by US 281 transportation improvements."

In addition, **we ask that CAC members be provided links or copies of all federal and state statutes and rules that govern EIS process** to help us better perform our role as advisors.

Again, thank you for your attention to these comments. We hope that through the EIS process our community can come to a consensus in support of a solution that will serve the transit requirements of the citizens of San Antonio while adequately protecting our natural resources.

Sincerely,



Annalisa Peace
Executive Director

Tom Hayes

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ATTACHMENT: Suggested CAC Non-Profit Participants

Bexar Audubon Society

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Bexar Trails

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Texas Cave Management Association

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Natural Resources Conservation Service
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October 8, 2009

Mr. Ted West, P.E.
Urban Programs Engineer
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300 E. 8th Street, Suite 826
Austin, Texas 78701-3233

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TEXAS DIVISION
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Dear Mr. West:

We have reviewed the information provided concerning the proposed corridor improvements to US Highway 281, from Loop 1604 to Borgfield Road, in Bexar County, Texas. This review is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation.

The proposed project may contain Important Farmland Soils. We would like to be involved as a cooperating agency and as a participating agency, so that we will be able to do an analysis of the effects of the project on Prime Farmland. We will be able to complete a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating as required by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) when the details of the project are known.

If you have any questions please contact Soil Data Quality Specialist Laurie Kiniry at 254-742-9861.

Sincerely,

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DONALD W. GOHMERT
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October 26, 2009

In Reply Refer To:
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US 281 Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road
Improvements to the Environmental Scoping Process

Mr. Dianna Noble, P.E.
Director of Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms Noble:

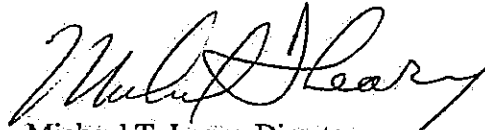
As you know, TxDOT, the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA) and this office are the joint leads for developing an the environmental impact statement (EIS) process for the subject project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FHWA's regulations. Based on recent discussions between elected officials in the San Antonio area and the lead agencies, we believe there is a lack of knowledge of the full extent of Federal oversight and the approval process for this EIS and a need to further involve the appropriate technical staff of the implementing local agencies. In the near future, this office will fully document the requirements under the current environmental process as required in Section 6002 of the SAFETEA-LU and our involvement and oversight of this current process. We will ask that the document be distributed to the participating and cooperating agencies.

We believe the creation of a peer technical committee to provide input in the data and methodologies used will assist and improve the environmental scoping process. The committee could include those environmental and planning peers from implementing agencies such as the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization(SABCMPO), Bexar County, City of San Antonio and others. The committee, which would include representatives of the lead agencies, would meet on a periodic basis with the consultant as the scoping process progresses. A representative of FHWA would chair the committee to provide continuity and resolve differences.



We believe it is necessary to implement the peer committee as soon as possible and incorporate it into the ongoing scoping process. A representative of this office will contact you in the near future to further develop the peer committee. Please call if you have questions.

Sincerely yours,

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Michael T. Leary, Director,
Planning and Program Development



October 29, 2009

Ms. Terry Brechtel
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
1222 N. Main Avenue
Suite 1000
San Antonio, Texas 78212

Dear Ms. Brechtel:

The San Antonio – Bexar County MPO received your letter dated September 30, 2009, which was the invitation to become a participating agency in the development of the EIS in the US 281 North Corridor. MPO staff is available to participate in this project in whatever capacity the RMA feels would be appropriate.

If you have any questions, I may be reached at 227-8651. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

for Jeanne Geiger
Isidro "Sid" Martinez
Director

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November 4, 2009

Mr. Steven Brooks
Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 17300
Fort Worth, TX 76102

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Dear Mr. Brooks:

On behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as lead federal agency, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA), as joint lead agencies, we invite you to attend a Scoping Meeting for the US 281 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Alamo RMA is preparing an EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act to analyze potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the human and natural environment from the construction and operation of transportation improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road.

An initial agency scoping meeting for the project was held on August 27, 2009. A second agency scoping meeting is being conducted to further identify agency concerns and define the issues and alternatives that will be examined in detail in the Draft EIS.

The meeting will be at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at Spring Hill Event Center, 2455 Celebration Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78261. A public scoping meeting will be conducted beginning at 5:30 PM later that same day and at the same location.

We urge you to participate in setting the scope for the US 281 EIS, including determining the preliminary project alternatives and analysis process that will be used to develop alternatives for evaluation in the Draft EIS. Your viewpoint is very important to FHWA, TxDOT and the Alamo RMA and is integral to the US 281 EIS decision-making process.

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Invitation to US 281 EIS Scoping Meeting
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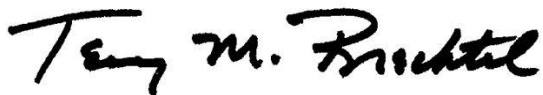
If you are unable to attend this scoping meeting please submit written comments to Leroy Alloway, Director, Community Development, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority, 1222 N. Main Avenue, Ste 1000, San Antonio, Texas 78212; you may also submit comments to the Alamo RMA by fax to 210-495-5403 or e-mail US281EIS@AlamoRMA.org. For more information regarding US 281 and the EIS project, please visit www.411on281.com.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the proposed project or the joint lead agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact:

Ms. Lisa Adelman
Legal Counsel to the Alamo RMA
1222 N. Main Ave, 10th Floor
San Antonio, Texas 78212
(210) 495-5499

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

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Terry M. Brechtel
Executive Director

Enclosures: Scoping Agency Meeting Location Map

cc:

Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E., TxDOT – Environmental Affairs Division
Mr. Salvador Deocampo, P.E., District Engineer, Texas Division, FHWA

Letters of invitation were sent regarding agency scoping meeting #2 from Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to the following:

Invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting #2	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Steven Brooks Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 17300 Fort Worth, TX 76102	November 4, 2009
Mr. Donald W. Gohmert State Conservationist U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service 101 South Main Temple, TX 76501	November 4, 2009
Mr. Larry Starfield (Acting) Regional Administrator, Region 6 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, TX 75202-2733	November 4, 2009
Mr. Adam Zerrenner Supervisor, Austin Ecological Services Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200 Austin, TX 78758	November 4, 2009
Andele Worthington BIA-Anadarko P.O. Box 309 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2009
Mr. John Tointigh Tribal Administrator Apache Tribe of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1220 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2009
Mr. Gary McAdams President Wichita and Affiliated Tribes P.O. Box 729 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2009
Tarpie Yargee Chief Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town P.O. Box 187 Wetumka, OK 74883	November 4, 2009
LaRue Parker Chairperson Caddo Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 487 Binger, OK 73009	November 4, 2009

Invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting #2	Date Letter Sent
Ms. Ruth Toahty NAGPRA Coordinator Comanche Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 908 Lawton, OK 73502	November 4, 2009
Mr. Billy Evans Horse Chairperson Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma P.O. Box 369 Carnegie, OK 73015	November 4, 2009
Mr. Mark Chino President Mescalero Apache Tribe P.O. Box 227 Mescalero, NM 88340	November 4, 2009
Enoch Kelley Haney Principal Chief Seminole Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1498 Wewoka, OK 74884	November 4, 2009
Mr. Edgar French President The Delaware Nation P.O. Box 825 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2009
Mr. Anthony Street President Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma 1 Rush Buffalo Road Tonkawa, OK 74653	November 4, 2009
Mr. Mark Wolfe Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Texas Historical Commission P.O. Box 12276 Austin, TX 78711-2276	November 4, 2009
Mr. Carter Smith Executive Director Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) 4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 78744	November 4, 2009
Mr. Mark R. Vickery, P.G. Executive Director Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087	November 4, 2009
Mr. Nelson W. Wolff County Judge Bexar County Bexar County Courthouse 100 Dolorosa, Suite 1.20 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 4, 2009

Invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting #2	Date Letter Sent
Mr. Julián Castro Mayor City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 4, 2009
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Mr. Ray Jeffrey Mayor City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 4, 2009
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Mr. Robert R. Puente, J.D. President & CEO San Antonio Water System P.O. Box 2449 San Antonio, TX 78298-2449	November 4, 2009
Ms. Suzanne B. Scott General Manager San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther St. San Antonio, TX 78204	November 4, 2009
Mr. Isidro Martinez Director San Antonio – Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization 825 South Saint Mary's San Antonio, TX 78205	November 4, 2009
Mr. Keith Parker President & CEO VIA Metropolitan Transit 800 W. Myrtle San Antonio, TX 78212	November 4, 2009
Ms. Gloria C. Arriaga Executive Director Alamo Area Council of Governments 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 San Antonio, TX 78217-6228	November 4, 2009
General Manager Bexar Metropolitan Water District P.O. Box 245994 San Antonio, TX 78224-5994	November 4, 2009

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November 4, 2009

In Reply Refer To:
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US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road
Bexar County
Re: Peer Technical Review Committee Membership Invitation

Ms. Terri Brechtel
Executive Director
Alamo RMA
1222 N. Main Ave, 10th Floor
San Antonio, Texas 78212

Dear Ms. Brechtel:

In an effort to further improve upon the communication and coordination on the development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed US 281: from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road study, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Joint Lead Agencies for the US 281 EIS (TxDOT and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority) are establishing a Peer Technical Review Committee comprised of those agencies whose expertise will be sought at key coordination points at appropriate times throughout the EIS process. These coordination points include development of the need and purpose, identification of the range of alternatives, collaboration on methodologies, completion of the Draft EIS, identification of the preferred alternative and the level of design detail and completion of the Final EIS.

In the spirit of cooperation, the Peer Technical Review Committee will meet approximately every three months during the EIS process to provide input on the data and methodologies for the EIS. As the responsible federal agency for the study, FHWA will chair the committee to provide continuity and assist in resolving differences. The initial list of Peer Technical Review Committee members includes the following agencies: FHWA (Committee Chair), TxDOT – Environmental Affairs Division, TxDOT – San Antonio District, Alamo RMA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, San Antonio – Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Edwards Aquifer

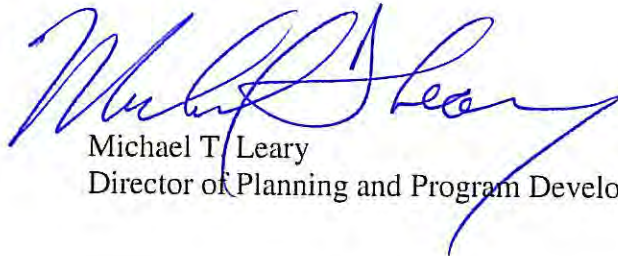


Authority, San Antonio Water System, VIA Metropolitan Transit, Bexar County, and the City of San Antonio. We invite you to actively participate in this process.

The first meeting of the Committee is set for 10:00 AM next Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at the Alamo Area Council of Governments board room (Located at 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 San Antonio, Texas 78217-6228; (210) 362-5200). Please see- <http://www.aacog.com/AboutAACOG/Directions/default.asp>

The meeting will address the US 281 EIS process and the roles and responsibilities of the Committee. We also encourage agencies to offer input on study methodologies and need and purpose at this time. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and to your cooperation on this regionally important project. We apologize for the short notice of this invitation. Please RSVP whether you plan to attend or not. Should you have any questions regarding this invitation, please contact Ted West at (512) 536-5959 or Tom Bruechert at (512) 536-5948. We look forward to working with each of you on this proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Leary", is written over the typed name and title.

Michael T. Leary
Director of Planning and Program Development

Enclosure

Peer Technical Review Committee
Tuesday November 10, 2009, 10 AM, AACOG Boardroom

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Letters of invitations to be a member of the Peer Technical Review Committee were sent from the Federal Highway Administration to the following:

Invitations to be a member of the Peer Technical Review Committee	Date Letter Sent
Ms. Terri Brechtel Executive Director Alamo Regional Mobility Authority 1222 N. Main Ave., 10 th Floor San Antonio, TX 78212	November 4, 2009
Mr. Joe Aceves Bexar County 233 N. Pecos, Suite 420 San Antonio, TX 78207	November 4, 2009
Mr. Andrew Winter Environmental Engineer Bexar County 233 N. Pecos, Suite 420 San Antonio, TX 78207	November 4, 2009
Mr. Mike Frisbie City of San Antonio 111 Soledad, Suite 725 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 4, 2009
Mr. John Hoyt Assistant General Manager Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78215	November 4, 2009
Mr. Sid Martinez Director San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization 825 S. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78205	November 4, 2009
Mr. Greg Flores III Vice President Public Affairs San Antonio Water System PO Box 2449 San Antonio, TX 78298-2449	November 4, 2009
Mr. Robert Puente Chief Executive Officer San Antonio Water System PO Box 2449 San Antonio, TX 78298-2449	November 4, 2009
Ms. Dianna Noble Environmental Affairs Division Texas Department of Transportation 125 E. 11 th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 4, 2009
Ms. Karen Clary Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 78744	November 4, 2009

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Mr. Clay Smith Texas Department of Transportation – San Antonio District 4615 N. Loop 410, PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229-0928	November 4, 2009
Mr. Steven Brooks Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers PO Box 17300 Fort Worth, TX 76102	November 4, 2009
Ms. Luela Roberts Austin Ecological Services Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200 Austin, TX 78758	November 4, 2009
Mr. Roland Lozano VIA Metropolitan Transit 800 W. Myrtle Ave San Antonio, TX 78212	November 4, 2009
Ms. Lynn M. Bumguardner Water Section Manager Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 14250 Judson Road San Antonio, TX 78233-4480	March 10, 2010
Mr. Mark Wolfe Executive Director Texas Historical Commission PO Box 12276 Austin, TX 78711-2276	October 1, 2010



November 5, 2009

The Honorable Carlos Uresti
Senator District 19
Texas Senate
2530 SW Military Dr, Ste. 103
San Antonio, TX 78224

Dear Senator Uresti:

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) will hold the second public scoping meeting regarding transportation improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road. The Alamo RMA is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, to analyze potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the human and natural environment from the construction and operation of transportation improvements.

The public is encouraged to attend the second EIS public scoping meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, between 5:30 pm and 8:30 pm, at Spring Hill Event Center, 2455 Celebration Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78261. The meeting will consist of an open house from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, a presentation at 6:30 pm and small group work sessions beginning at 7:00 pm. Project team members will be available to discuss issues and answer questions regarding preliminary alternatives and the EIS process.

The purpose of this meeting is to introduce and gather public input on the preliminary project alternatives and analysis process proposed to be used in the development of reasonable alternatives that would be considered in the Draft EIS.

Please feel free to contact Leroy Alloway or Lisa Adelman at 210.495.5256 with any questions regarding this second public scoping meeting for the US 281 EIS.

Sincerely,

Terry M. Brechtel
Executive Director

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Letters regarding notification for public scoping meeting #2 were sent from Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to the following:

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Carlos Uresti State Senator, District 19 2530 SW Military Drive, 103 San Antonio, TX 78224	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Judith Zaffirini State Senator, District 21 12702 Toepperwein Road, Suite 214 San Antonio, TX 78233	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Jeff Wentworth State Senator, District 25 1250 NE Loop 410, Suite 925 San Antonio, TX 78209	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Leticia Van de Putte State Senator, District 26 700 N. St. Mary's Street, Suite 1725 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable John Carona Chairman, Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security PO Box 12068, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Rick Perry Governor of the State of Texas Office of the Governor, PO Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711-2428	November 5, 2009
The Honorable David Dewhurst Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas PO Box 12068, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Joe Straus Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Trey Martinez Fischer State Representative, District 116 1910 Fredricksburg Road San Antonio, TX 78201	November 5, 2009
The Honorable David Liebowitz State Representative, District 117 9107 Marbach Rd., Suite 111 San Antonio, TX 78245	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ruth McClendon State Representative, District 120 403 SW W. White Road, Suite 210 San Antonio, TX 78219	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Frank Corte State Representative, District 122 2040 Babcock, Suite 402 San Antonio, TX 78229	November 5, 2009

Public Scoping Meeting #2 – Public Notice	Date Letter Sent
The Honorable Michael Villarreal State Representative, District 123 1114 S. St. Mary's Street, Suite 110 San Antonio, TX 78210	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Jose Menendez State Representative, District 124 7121 US Highway 90 West, Suite 240 San Antonio, TX 78227	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Joe Farias State Representative, District 118 660 SW Military Drive, Suite L San Antonio, TX 78221	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Joaquin Castro State Representative, District 125 6502 Bandera, Suite 106 San Antonio, TX 78238	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Joe Pickett Chair, House Committee on Transportation PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Julian Castro Mayor City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
Ms. Leticia M. Vacek City Clerk City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78238	November 5, 2009
Ms. Sheryl L. Sculley City Manager City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78238	November 5, 2009
Mr. Majed A. Al-Ghafry Director of Public Works City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78238	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Mary Alice P. Cisneros City Councilwoman, District 1 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ivy Taylor City Councilwoman, District 2 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009

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The Honorable Jennifer V. Ramos City Councilwoman, District 3 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Phillip A. Cortez City Councilman, District 4 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable David Medina City Councilman, District 5 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ray Lopez City Councilman, District 6 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Justin Rodriguez City Councilman, District 7 Office of the City Council , PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Reed Williams City Councilman, District 8 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Elisa Chan City Councilwoman, District 9 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable John G. Clamp City Councilman, District 10 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 1 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Paul Elizondo Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 2 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Kevin Wolff Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 3 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009

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The Honorable Tommy Adkisson Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 4 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Charles Gonzalez 20th Congressional District of Texas United States House of Representatives B-124 Federal Bldg., 727 E. Durango San Antonio, TX 78206	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Lamar Smith 21st Congressional District of Texas United States House of Representatives 1100 NE Loop 410, Suite 640 San Antonio, TX 78209	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ciro Rodriguez 23rd Congressional District of Texas 1950 SW Military Drive San Antonio, TX 78221	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Henry Cuellar 28th Congressional District of Texas 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 451 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable John Cornyn Senator US Senate 600 Navarro, Suite 210 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison Senator US Senate 145 Duncan Drive, Suite 120 San Antonio, TX 78226	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Nelson Wolff Bexar County Judge Bexar County Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Deirdre Delisi Texas Transportation Commission Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ted Houghton Texas Transportation Commission Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009

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The Honorable Ned Holmes Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009
The Honorable William Meadows Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Fred Underwood Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009
Dr. Richard Middleton Superintendent North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Beth Plummer Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Susan Galindo Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Sandy Hughey Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Letti Bresnahan Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Randy Bristow Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Brigitte Perkins Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009

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The Honorable Ed White Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Carol Patterson Board Member, District 1 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Byron Miller Board Member, District 2 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable George Rice Board Member, District 3 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Benjamin Youngblood Board Member, District 4 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ron Ellis Board Member, District 5 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Susan Hughes Board Member, District 6 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Enrique Valdivia Board Member, District 7 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable John Lovett Board Member, District 8 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Martin Allen Board Member, District 9 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	November 5, 2009

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Mr. Keith T. Parker President and CEO VIA Metropolitan Transit 800 West Myrtle San Antonio, TX 78212	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Henry Muñoz, III Chairman VIA Board of Trustees Office of the President & CEO 800 W. Myrtle, PO Box 12489 San Antonio, TX 78212	November 5, 2009
Mr. Richard Perez President The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 602 E. Commerce San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
Mr. Victor Boyer Executive Director San Antonio Mobility Coalition 13526 George Road, Suite 107 San Antonio, TX 78230	November 5, 2009
Mr. Ramiro Cavazos President San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 318 W. Houston St., Suite 300 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Kirk Francis Mayor City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Carl A. Register Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 1 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Gabriel Durand-Hollis Council Member, Place 2 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Elizabeth Worley Council Member, Place 3 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable George R. “Rick” Evans Council Member, Place 4 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009

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The Honorable Margaret Mayberry Council Member, Place 5 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
Mr. Frank Morales City Administrator City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
Mr. Jeff Simmons Director of Public Works City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Richard McIlveen Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
Ms. Janice Alamia City Secretary Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Gary Miller Council Member, Place 1 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ellen Alkire Council Member, Place 2 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Tim McCallum Council Member, Place 3 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Steve Treu Council Member, Place 4 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Bob Sartor Council Member, Place 5 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009

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Mr. Jimmy Arroyo Director of Public Works Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Chris Riley City of Leon Valley 6400 El Verde Road Leon Valley, TX 78238	November 5, 2009
Mr. Lanny Lambert City Manager City of Leon Valley 6400 El Verde Road Leon Valley, TX 78238	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Jim Parma Mayor City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Bill Weeper Councilman City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	November 5, 2009
Mr. Kenneth Roberts City Manager City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	November 5, 2009
Mr. Mario Medina, P.E. District Engineer Texas Department of Transportation PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229	November 5, 2009
Ms. Julia Brown , P.E. District Deputy Engineer Texas Department of Transportation PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229	November 5, 2009
Mr. Amadeo Saenz, P.E. Executive Director Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009
Mr. David Casteel, P.E. Assistant Executive Director for District Operations Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009

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Mr. Phillip Russell, P.E. Assistant Executive Director for Innovative Project Development Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	November 5, 2009
Mr. Seth Mitchell Chief of Staff Bexar County Bexar County Courthouse 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
Mr. Joe Aceves, P.E. Executive Director of Infrastructure Services Bexar County 233 North Pecos, Suite 420 San Antonio, TX 78207	November 5, 2009
Mr. Isidro Martinez Director San Antonio Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization 825 South St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
Mr. Duane Wilson President & CEO North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 12930 Country Parkway San Antonio, TX 78216	November 5, 2009
Mr. Lou Miller President African American Chamber of Commerce of San Antonio 1717 N. Loop 1604 East, Suite 200 San Antonio, TX 78232	November 5, 2009
Ms. Gwendolyn Robinson Executive Director Alamo City Black Chamber of Commerce 600 Hemisfair Plaza Way, Bldg. 406-10 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
Ms. Jennifer Scroggins Chair San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce 600 Hemisfair Plaza Way, Bldg. 217 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 5, 2009
Mr. Kevin Bain President Christian Business Chamber of Commerce PO Box 701073 San Antonio, TX 78270	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Roland Gutierrez State Representative , District 119 3319 Sidney Brooks San Antonio, TX 78235	November 5, 2009

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The Honorable Danny Scheel Comal County Judge 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
Mr. Tom Hornseth County Engineer Comal County 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Donna Eccleston Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 1 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Jay Millikin Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 2 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Gregory Parker Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 3 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Jan Kennady Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 4 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Doug Miller State Representative, District 73 387 W. Mill Street New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Ray Jeffrey Mayor City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Pamela Cole Mayor Pro Tem City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
Mr. John Hobson City Administrator City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
Ms. Tiffany Littlepage City Secretary City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009

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Mr. John Nowak Director of Public Works City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Kirk W. Harrison Councilman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Robert W. Hurst Councilman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Shane Reynolds Councilman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009
The Honorable Dannette Mitchell Councilwoman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 5, 2009

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS, TX 75202-2733

November 25, 2009



Leroy Alloway
Director
Community Development
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
1222 N. Main Avenue, Ste 1000
San Antonio, TX 78212

SUBJECT: Scoping Comments for US 281 (Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Rd) Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Alloway:

In accordance with your letter dated November 4, 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing the following comments for scoping the Proposed US 281 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). EPA has identified potential areas of concern that should be addressed in the EIS, including the development of alternatives and mitigation. We have identified that the proposed project:

1. may be less than 1 mile from an area of designated critical habitat for a rare species
2. may have wetlands nearby or present
3. may overlay a sole source aquifer
4. may be within an ozone non-attainment area
5. may have water dischargers, air emission points, and hazardous waste generators nearby
6. may be within the 100 or 500 year floodplain
7. may be within 100 meters of a school
8. may have environmental justices concerns

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments to aid you in the development of the EIS. If you have questions or wish to coordinate further, please contact Dr. Sharon L. Osowski, of my staff at osowski.sharon@epa.gov or by phone at 214-665-7506.

Sincerely,

Cathy Gilmore
Chief, Office of Planning and
Coordination

cc: Mr. Salvador Deocampo, P. E., District Engineer, Texas Division, FHWA

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Mark R. Vickery, P.G., *Executive Director*



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

December 2, 2009

Mr. Leroy Alloway
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
1222 N. Main Avenue, Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78212

Re: TCEQ Grant and Texas Review and Comment System (TRACS) #10078, City of San Antonio,
Bexar County - Scoping Meeting for the US 281 EIS

Dear Mr. Alloway:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed the above-referenced project and offers following comments:

A review of the project for General Conformity impact in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93 and Title 30, Texas Administrative Code § 101.30 indicates that the proposed action is located in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, which is currently unclassified or in attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all six criteria air pollutants. Therefore, General Conformity does not apply.

Although any demolition, construction, rehabilitation or repair project will produce dust and particulate emissions, these actions should pose no significant impact upon air quality standards. Any minimal dust and particulate emissions should be easily controlled by the construction contractors using standard dust mitigation techniques.

We look forward to reviewing environmental assessment documents as they become available.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Glenda Thorn at (512) 239-1980.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Nelson".

Katherine Nelson
Assistant Division Director
Water Quality Planning Division

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT SAM HOUSTON
1206 STANLEY ROAD SUITE A
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TX 78234-5001

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

30 DEC 2009

Office of the Commander

Mr. Salvador Deocampo
District Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
300 E. 8th Street, Room 826
Austin, Texas 78701-3255

Dear Mr. Deocampo:

Thank you for the December 8, 2009 letter inviting us to be a participating agency for the Highway (US) 281 corridor improvements in San Antonio. We request to be a participating agency on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and provide the following initial comments.

The main issues we are concerned with will be endangered species and light. Camp Bullis, our 28,000 acre sub-installation, is almost 5 miles west of the 281 project area. Increasing development around Camp Bullis is displacing golden-cheeked warbler onto Camp Bullis. In terms of karst invertebrates, increasing development around Camp Bullis does not displace these species onto Camp Bullis, but instead displaces the regulatory pressure. If we are the only ones to conserve our karst species, the regulatory requirements on Camp Bullis will likely be increased when the species recovery team revisits goals established in the March 2008 Draft Bexar County Karst Invertebrate Recovery Plan. In terms of light, development around Camp Bullis will interfere with military night training on the Camp unless dark sky lighting is used. The City of San Antonio and surrounding counties have passed ordinances and orders requiring dark sky lighting within 5 miles of Camp Bullis. Although HWY 281 is on the outer limits of this 5 mile zone, a significant number of new street lights could negatively affect our night training mission. However, as long as dark sky compliant lighting is used (full cutoff lighting which directs the light downwards), the issue would be mitigated.

These issues are addressed in detail in a June 2009 Joint Land Use Study, see link below.
<http://www.campbullisjlus.com/resources/jlusdocs.asp>

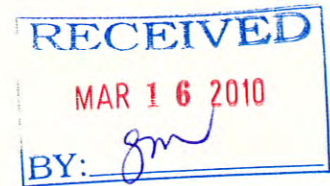
My points of contact are Mr. Chris Beck at (210) 221-5069 or Mr. Jim Cannizzo at (210) 295-9830.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Garr
Colonel, US Army
Garrison Commander



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March 15, 2010

Terry Brechtel
Executive Director, Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
1222 N. Main Avenue, Ste 1000
San Antonio, Texas 78212

RE: **US 281 EIS and Transit Considerations**

Dear Ms. Brechtel,

VIA has undertaken the Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan, SmartwaySA initiative, the VIA blueprint outlining specific corridor improvements, transit technologies, timelines, transit-supportive land-use policies, and funding options for regional transportation improvements through the year 2035. Our Phase 1 Needs Assessment concluded that additional analysis for high capacity transit is required for the US 281 alignment. We are nearing completion of our first model run, which will test the viability of fixed-guideway transit on two northern alignments to service the US 281 corridor.

Although our study is limited to the year 2035, we are additionally considering past and future growth trends on the US 281 north corridor, and strongly expect that the US 281 north corridor may inevitably be a corridor that will support fixed-guideway, high capacity transit. To preserve the ability to implement future mobility alternatives within the US 281 north corridor, we urge the ARMA Environmental Impact Statement to include, in addition to its findings for the projected 2035 transit options that may include a range of bus-based and HOV modes, the:

- inclusion of a park-and-ride facility to serve a range of bus-based service, and potential transit oriented development, and
- envelope for fixed-guideway transit options that could support the need for future rail service, beyond 2035.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important issue that will affect our future regional transit options. Please contact me with any additional questions you may have, at (210) 362-2050.

Sincerely,

Keith T. Parker, AICP
President/CEO

Copy: Roland A. Lozano, Interim Deputy Director

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March 29, 2010

The Honorable Carlos Uresti
Senator, District 19
Texas Senate
2530 SW Military Dr, Ste. 103
San Antonio, TX 78224

Dear Senator Uresti:

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The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding possible transportation improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road. The Alamo RMA is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, to analyze potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the human and natural environment from the construction and operation of proposed transportation improvements.

The public is encouraged to attend a public meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2010, between 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm, at Summit Christian Center, 2575 Marshall Road, San Antonio, Texas 78259. The meeting will consist of an open house from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, a presentation at 7:00 pm and small group work sessions beginning at 7:30 pm. Project team members from the Alamo RMA and its consultants will be available to discuss and answer questions regarding US 281 proposed transportation improvements and the EIS process.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather public input on the alternatives development and screening process for the proposed transportation improvements and the recommended reasonable alternatives that would be considered in the Draft EIS.

Please feel free to contact Michelle Martinez or Lisa Adelman at 210.495.5256 with any questions regarding this public meeting for the US 281 EIS.

Sincerely,

Terry M. Brechtel
Executive Director

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
1222 N. Main Avenue, Suite 1000 San Antonio, Texas 78212
(210) 495-5256 (210) 495-5403 Fax
www.AlamorMA.org

Letters regarding notification for public meeting #3 were sent from Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to the following:

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The Honorable Carlos Uresti State Senator, District 19 2530 SW Military Drive, 103 San Antonio, TX 78224	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Judith Zaffirini State Senator, District 21 12702 Toepperwein Road, Suite 214 San Antonio, TX 78233	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Jeff Wentworth State Senator, District 25 1250 NE Loop 410, Suite 925 San Antonio, TX 78209	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Leticia Van de Putte State Senator, District 26 700 N. St. Mary's Street, Suite 1725 San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable John Carona Chairman of Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security PO Box 12068, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Rick Perry Governor of the State of Texas Office of the Governor, PO Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711-2428	March 29, 2010
The Honorable David Dewhurst Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas PO Box 12068, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Joe Straus Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Trey Martinez Fischer State Representative, District 116 1910 Fredricksburg Road San Antonio, TX 78201	March 29, 2010
The Honorable David Liebowitz State Representative, District 117 9107 Marbach Rd., Suite 111 San Antonio, TX 78245	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ruth McClendon State Representative, District 120 403 SW W. White Road, Suite 210 San Antonio, TX 78219	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Frank Corte State Representative, District 122 2040 Babcock, Suite 402 San Antonio, TX 78229	March 29, 2010

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The Honorable Michael Villarreal State Representative, District 123 1114 S. St. Mary's Street, Suite 110 San Antonio, TX 78210	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Jose Menendez State Representative, District 124 7121 US Highway 90 West, Suite 240 San Antonio, TX 78227	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Joe Farias State Representative, District 118 660 SW Military Drive, Suite L San Antonio, TX 78221	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Joaquin Castro State Representative, District 125 6502 Bandera, Suite 106 San Antonio, TX 78238	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Joe Pickett Chair, House Committee on Transportation PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Julian Castro Mayor City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
Ms. Leticia M. Vacek City Clerk City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78238	March 29, 2010
Ms. Sheryl L. Sculley City Manager City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78238	March 29, 2010
Mr. Majed A. Al-Ghafry Director of Public Works City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78238	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Mary Alice P. Cisneros City Councilwoman, District 1 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ivy Taylor City Councilwoman, District 2 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010

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The Honorable Phillip A. Cortez City Councilman, District 4 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable David Medina City Councilman, District 5 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ray Lopez City Councilman, District 6 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Justin Rodriguez City Councilman, District 7 Office of the City Council , PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Reed Williams City Councilman, District 8 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Elisa Chan City Councilwoman, District 9 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable John G. Clamp City Councilman, District 10 Office of the City Council, PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 1 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Paul Elizondo Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 2 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Kevin Wolff Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 3 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010

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The Honorable Tommy Adkisson Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 4 Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Charles Gonzalez 20th Congressional District of Texas United States House of Representatives B-124 Federal Bldg., 727 E. Durango San Antonio, TX 78206	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Lamar Smith 21st Congressional District of Texas United States House of Representatives 1100 NE Loop 410, Suite 640 San Antonio, TX 78209	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ciro Rodriguez 23rd Congressional District of Texas 1950 SW Military Drive San Antonio, TX 78221	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Henry Cuellar 28th Congressional District of Texas 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 451 San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable John Cornyn Senator US Senate 600 Navarro, Suite 210 San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison Senator US Senate 145 Duncan Drive, Suite 120 San Antonio, TX 78226	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Nelson Wolff Bexar County Judge Bexar County Commissioners Court 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Deirdre Delisi Texas Transportation Commission Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ted Houghton Texas Transportation Commission Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010

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The Honorable William Meadows Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Fred Underwood Texas Transportation Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010
Dr. Richard Middleton Superintendent North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Beth Plummer Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Susan Galindo Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Sandy Hughey Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Letti Bresnahan Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Randy Bristow Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Brigitte Perkins Board Member North East ISD 8961 Tesoro Drive, Suite 602 San Antonio, Texas 78217	March 29, 2010

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The Honorable Carol Patterson Board Member, District 1 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Byron Miller Board Member, District 2 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable George Rice Board Member, District 3 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Benjamin Youngblood Board Member, District 4 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ron Ellis Board Member, District 5 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Susan Hughes Board Member, District 6 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Enrique Valdivia Board Member, District 7 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable John Lovett Board Member, District 8 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Martin Allen Board Member, District 9 Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215	March 29, 2010

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<p>Mr. Keith T. Parker President and CEO VIA Metropolitan Transit 800 West Myrtle San Antonio, TX 78212</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>The Honorable Henry Muñoz, III Chairman VIA Board of Trustees Office of the President & CEO 800 W. Myrtle, PO Box 12489 San Antonio, TX 78212</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>Mr. Richard Perez President The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 602 E. Commerce San Antonio, TX 78205</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>Mr. Victor Boyer Executive Director San Antonio Mobility Coalition 13526 George Road Suite 107 San Antonio, TX 78230</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>Mr. Ramiro Cavazos President San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 318 W. Houston St. Suite 300 San Antonio, TX 78205</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>The Honorable Kirk Francis Mayor City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>The Honorable Carl A. Register Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 1 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>The Honorable Gabriel Durand-Hollis Council Member, Place 2 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>The Honorable Elizabeth Worley Council Member, Place 3 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>The Honorable George R. “Rick” Evans Council Member, Place 4 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>

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The Honorable Margaret Mayberry Council Member, Place 5 City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
Mr. Frank Morales City Administrator City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
Mr. Jeff Simmons Director of Public Works City of Hill Country Village 116 Aspen Lane San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Richard McIlveen Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
Ms. Janice Alamia City Secretary Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Gary Miller Council Member, Place 1 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ellen Alkire Council Member, Place 2 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Tim McCallum Council Member, Place 3 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Steve Treu Council Member, Place 4 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Bob Sartor Council Member, Place 5 Town of Hollywood Park 2 Mecca Drive San Antonio, TX 78232	March 29, 2010

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The Honorable Chris Riley City of Leon Valley 6400 El Verde Road Leon Valley, TX 78238	March 29, 2010
Mr. Lanny Lambert City Manager City of Leon Valley 6400 El Verde Road Leon Valley, TX 78238	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Jim Parma Mayor City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Bill Weeper Councilman City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	March 29, 2010
Mr. Kenneth Roberts City Manager City of Selma 9375 Corporate Drive Selma, TX 78154	March 29, 2010
Mr. Mario Medina, P.E. District Engineer Texas Department of Transportation PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229	March 29, 2010
Ms. Julia Brown , P.E. District Deputy Engineer Texas Department of Transportation PO Box 29928 San Antonio, TX 78229	March 29, 2010
Mr. Amadeo Saenz, P.E. Executive Director Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010
Mr. David Casteel, P.E. Assistant Executive Director for District Operations Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701	March 29, 2010

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<p>Mr. Phillip Russell, P.E. Assistant Executive Director for Innovative Project Development Texas Department of Transportation 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>Mr. Seth Mitchell Chief of Staff, Bexar County Bexar County Courthouse 100 Dolorosa San Antonio, TX 78205</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>Mr. Joe Aceves, P.E. Executive Director of Infrastructure Services Bexar County 233 North Pecos, Suite 420 San Antonio, TX 78207</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>Mr. Isidro Martinez Director San Antonio Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization 825 South St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78205</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>Mr. Duane Wilson President & CEO North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce 12930 Country Parkway San Antonio, TX 78216</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>Mr. Lou Miller President African American Chamber of Commerce of San Antonio 1717 N. Loop 1604 East, Suite 200 San Antonio, TX 78232</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>Ms. Gwendolyn Robinson Executive Director Alamo City Black Chamber of Commerce 600 Hemisfair Plaza Way, Bldg. 406-10 San Antonio, TX 78205</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>Ms. Jennifer Scroggins Chair San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce 600 Hemisfair Plaza Way, Bldg. 217 San Antonio, TX 78205</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>Mr. Kevin Bain President Christian Business Chamber of Commerce PO Box 701073 San Antonio, TX 78270</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>
<p>The Honorable Roland Gutierrez State Representative , District 119 3319 Sidney Brooks San Antonio, TX 78235</p>	<p>March 29, 2010</p>

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The Honorable Danny Scheel Comal County Judge 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
Mr. Tom Hornseth County Engineer Comal County 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Donna Eccleston Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 1 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Jay Millikin Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 2 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Gregory Parker Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 3 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Jan Kennady Comal County Commissioner, Precinct 4 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Doug Miller State Representative, District 73 387 W. Mill Street New Braunfels, TX 78130	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Ray Jeffrey Mayor, City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Pamela Cole Mayor Pro Tem City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
Mr. John Hobson City Administrator City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
Ms. Tiffany Littlepage City Secretary City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010

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Mr. John Nowak Director of Public Works City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Kirk W. Harrison Councilman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Robert W. Hurst Councilman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Shane Reynolds Councilman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010
The Honorable Dannette Mitchell Councilwoman City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	March 29, 2010

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**Letter of Agreement
Between
VIA Metropolitan Transit
and
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority**

This letter serves as an instrument to implement VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA) and the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority's (ARMA) goals for the US 281 corridor.

A "working group" of technical staff and consultants, from each agency will convene as needed, but not less than once a quarter, with the goal to:

1. Establish a permanent park and ride facility with long-term program requirements on the west (in-bound) side of US 281 north of 1604 as part of any added capacity project, with a preferred site at the TxDOT US 281 ROW at Stone Oak/TPC Parkway which also provides good east-west connectivity;
2. Establish a temporary park and ride facility on the west (in-bound) side of US 281 north of 1604 to alleviate the burden on Wal-Mart (VIA's temporary location at US 281 and 1604);
3. Ensure adequate right-of-way is preserved for future high-capacity transit options and maintained on US 281 as part of any added capacity project; and
4. Investigate every opportunity to incorporate multimodalism (transit, hike, bike, single occupancy vehicles and high occupancy vehicle lanes), and towards transit-oriented development in all added capacity projects on US 281.

It is to the benefit of community mobility in the San Antonio-Bexar County region that we sign this agreement:

VIA Metropolitan Transit

BY: Keith T. Parker
Keith T. Parker, AICP
President and CEO

DATE: 6-29-10

Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

BY: Terry M. Brechtel
Terry M. Brechtel
Executive Director

DATE: 7-7-10

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Zankowski, Jennifer

From: Allemand, Thomas
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2010 2:43 PM
To: Laurie.Kiniry@tx.usda.gov
Cc: Cooper, Andrew; Robertson, Jim; Casbeer, Jeff
Subject: Prime Farmland and Statewide Important Soils

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good afternoon, Laurie -

Per our telephone conversation yesterday, July 12, 2010, I am formally sending you a request for a Prime Farmland Evaluation and current list of Statewide Important Soils/Statewide Important Farmland Soils. This request is in regards to an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed US 281 roadway improvement project, which begins on Loop 1604 (southern extent) and ends near Borgfeld Dr. (northern extent) in Bexar County, San Antonio, TX. The proposed project is located in north-central San Antonio.

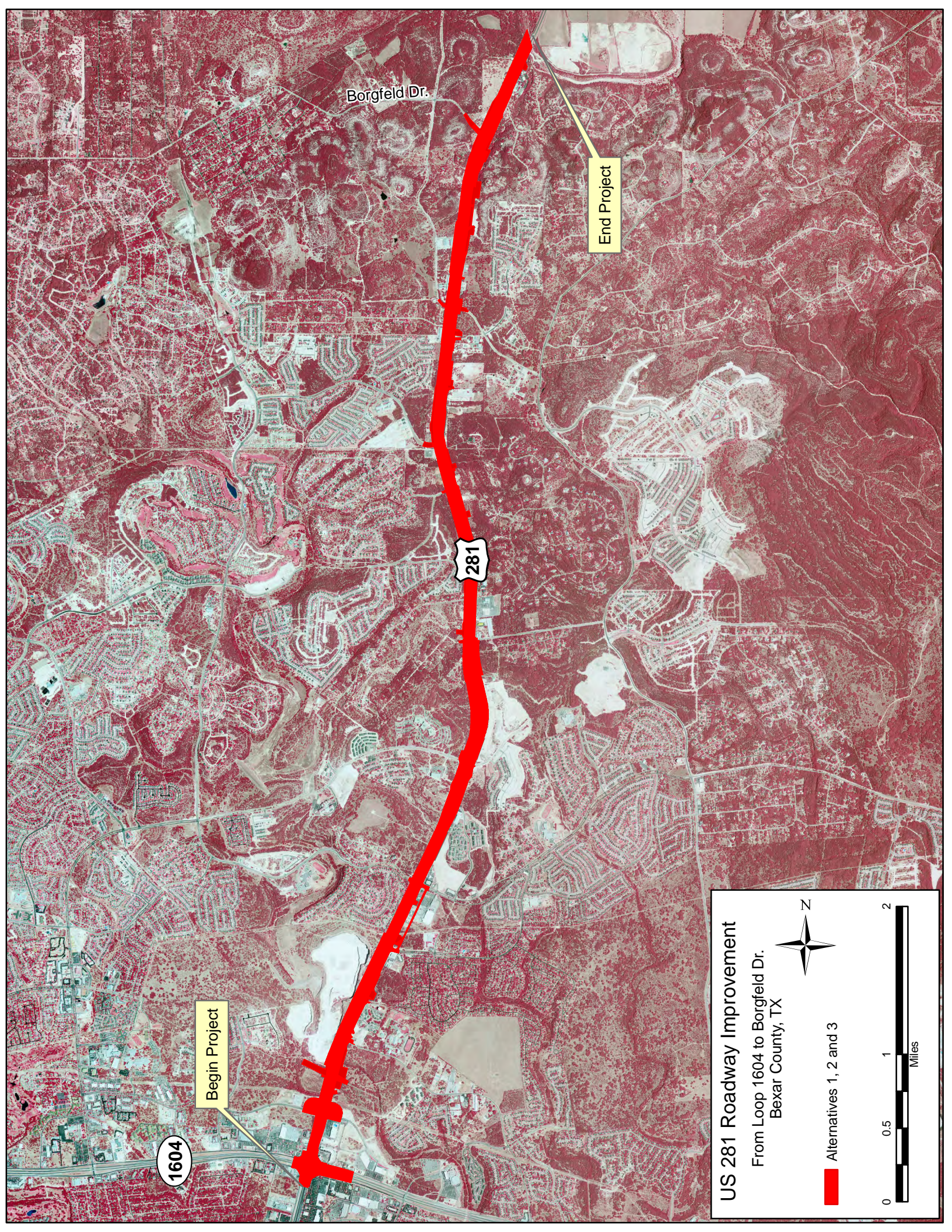
I am sending you a project location map with all of the Alternative alignments overlaid onto an aerial in a *separate email*. I understand via our conversation yesterday that the request should not take longer than 30 days; however, if it is possible we would greatly appreciate that this request be expedited.

Sincerely,

Thomas Allemand
Environmental Planner

JACOBS

5985 Rogerdale Road
Houston, TX 77072
(281) 575-2445
(832) 351-7766 fax



Borgfeld Dr.


End Project


281

1604

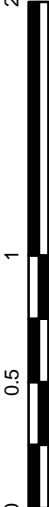
Begin Project

US 281 Roadway Improvement
From Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Dr.
Bexar County, TX

 Alternatives 1, 2 and 3



N



0 0.5 1 2 Miles



Natural Resources Conservation Service

JUL 22 2010

101 S. Main Street
Temple, TX 76501-6624
Phone: 254-742-9826
FAX: 254-742-9859

July 20, 2010

JACOBS
5985 Rogerdale Road
Houston, Texas 77072

Attention: Thomas Allemand, Environmental Planner

Subject: LNU-Farmland Protection
Proposed US 281 Roadway Improvement Project
Bexar County, Texas

We have reviewed the information provided concerning the Proposed US 281 Roadway Improvement Project in Bexar County, Texas as outlined in your email of July 15, 2010. This review is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation for the Texas Department of Transportation. We have evaluated the proposed site as required by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

The soils at the proposed site may contain Important Farmland Soils; however, the work area has already been converted to urban uses. The FPPA excludes from the definition of "Farmland" areas that are already converted to urban uses. We have completed a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating (form NRCS-CPA-106) indicating the exemption.

We urge the use of accepted erosion control methods during construction of the project.

Thank you for the resource materials you provided. If you have any questions please call me at (254) 742-9826, Fax (254) 742-9859.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Micki Yoder".

Micki Yoder /NRCS
State Resources Inventory Coordinator
Temple, Texas

Enclosure

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS****PART I** (To be completed by Federal Agency)3. Date Of Land Evaluation Request: **July 15, 2010** 4.

Sheet 1 of 1

1. Name of Project: **US 281 Roadway Improvement**5. Federal Agency Involved:
FHWA

2. Proposed Land Use:

6. County and State: **Bexar County, Texas****PART II** (To be completed by NRCS)1. Date Request Received By
NRCS
July 15, 20102. Person Completing Form:
M. Yoder3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland?
(If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)YES NO
☐ ☒

4. Acres Irrigated

Average Farm Size

5. Major Crop(s)

6. Farmable Land In Government Jurisdiction

Acres: %

7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA

Acres: %

8. Name of Land Evaluation System Used

LESA

9. Name of State or Local Site Assessment System

NA

10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)

Alternative Corridor For Segment:

A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly

Corridor A

Corridor B

Corridor C

Corridor d

0

0

0

0

B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly

0

0

0

0

C. Total Acres In Site

0

0

0

0

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information

A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland

B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland

C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted

D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion

Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)

PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria

(Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b & c. For Non-Corridor project use form AD-1006)

Maximum
Points

Corridor A

Corridor B

Corridor C

Corridor D

1. Area In Non-urban Use

(15)

2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use

(10)

3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed

(20)

4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government

(20)

5. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average

(10)

6. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland

(25)

7. Availability Of Farm Support Services

(5)

8. On-Farm Investments

(20)

9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services

(25)

10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use

(10)

TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS

160

0

0

0

0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)

Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)

100

Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)

160

TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)

260

1. Corridor Selected:

2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be
Converted by Project:

3. Date Of Selection

4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used?

YES ☐NO ☐

5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Federal agency representative completing this form:

Date:

NOTE: Complete one form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

(See Instructions on reverse side)



October 18, 2010

Ms. Allison Arnold
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office
10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200
Austin, Texas 78758-4455

Re: Regulatory Guidance for Endangered Bird Presence/Absence Surveys conducted for Environmental Impact Statements at US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road and Loop 1604 from IH 35 to US 90 in Bexar County, Texas

Dear Ms. Arnold:

This letter summarizes discussions in our September 15, 2010 meeting at your San Antonio office where ecological consultant teams from both the US 281 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the Loop 1604 EIS provided interim presence/absence survey results and requested regulatory guidance. The purpose of this correspondence is two-fold:

1. to briefly summarize the results of 2009 and 2010 presence/absence surveys for the Golden-cheeked Warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) (GCWA) and Black-capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*) (BCVI) within and adjacent to proposed improvements to US 281 from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road and Loop 1604 from IH 35 to US 90 in Bexar County, Texas; and,
2. to request concurrence from the USFWS that given two years of negative survey results and the general lack of habitat suitable for occupation by either species within and adjacent to the existing and proposed rights-of-way (ROW), there is sufficient data to determine that it is unlikely the project areas are utilized by these endangered birds.

As recommended at the September 15, 2010 meeting, we are requesting your written concurrence with these findings. Further detail is provided below regarding the two projects' status and findings.

US 281 Status and Findings

A habitat assessment for the GCWA and BCVI was conducted by Blanton & Associates, Inc (B&A) in the spring of 2009 within the US 281 project area and

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an area 500 feet on either side of the existing right-of-way (the "study area"). Thirteen blocks of suitable GCWA habitat were identified adjacent to the existing and proposed right-of-way. No BCVI habitat was identified in the study area and, through coordination with your agency, no BCVI surveys were required to be conducted.

B&A conducted presence/absence surveys for the GCWA during the spring 2009 breeding season. No GCWAs were detected during the 2009 survey season. Hicks & Company (Hicks) has completed the second year of survey (2010) within the study area (where right-of-entry was granted). The habitat assessment and survey results were coordinated with you and our agency during a field visit led by B&A on April 10, 2009 during the 2009 survey, again in a meeting held at our offices on January 22, 2010 prior to the 2010 survey, and a third time on September 15, 2010 at a joint US 281 EIS and Loop 1604 EIS coordination meeting held at your office at the Government Canyon State Natural Area. The 2009 survey report was initially sent to your office on September 20, 2009. On September 1, 2010 the 2010 survey report and another copy of the 2009 survey report were sent to your office for your review prior to the meeting on September 15, 2010.

The two years of GCWA presence/absence surveys have resulted in negative findings for GCWA presence. Given the level of effort exerted to date with negative findings and the diminished state of habitat quantity and quality along the corridor, our biologists do not expect either the GCWA or BCVI to use the corridor. For these reasons, at the September 15, 2010 meeting it was agreed by attendees that an additional year of survey would provide no additional ecological data of any value, and therefore, no further GCWA presence/absence survey work would be required by the USFWS along the US 281 project corridor.

Loop 1604 Status and Findings

The original limits for the proposed Loop 1604 project were from IH 35 to Potranco Road. A habitat assessment for the GCWA and BCVI was conducted by B&A in the spring of 2009 within the Loop 1604 project area and an area 300 feet on either side of the existing and proposed right-of-way (the "study area"). Forty blocks of suitable GCWA habitat and six blocks of suitable BCVI habitat were identified adjacent to the existing ROW.

B&A conducted presence/absence surveys for the GCWA and BCVI in the study area during the spring 2009 breeding season. One GCWA female and one BCVI male were observed and/or heard during the 2009 survey season, but these observations were determined to be transient birds passing through the project area that did not establish breeding territories. The results of the 2009 presence/absence surveys were provided to your office September 20, 2009.

Subsequent to the 2009 surveys, the project area was extended from Potranco Road westward to US 90 and expanded to include additional buffer areas surrounding major intersections of Loop 1604 at IH 35, US 281, IH 10, SH 151, and US 90. A habitat assessment for the GCWA and BCVI was conducted within the new limits and an area 300 feet on either side of the existing and proposed right-of-way (the "extended area") by B&A in early 2010. Several additional blocks of GCWA and BCVI habitat were identified in this area. B&A conducted presence/absence surveys for GCWA and BCVI in both the study area and extended area during the spring 2010 breeding season. No GCWAs or BCVIs were detected in either the study area or the extended area during the 2010 presence/absence surveys. The results of the 2010 presence/absence surveys were provided to your office in September of 2010. In addition to the submittal of reports providing the results of 2009 and 2010 habitat assessments and presence/absence surveys, efforts have been coordinated with the USFWS during a field visit led by B&A on April 10, 2009 during the presence/absence survey and on September 15, 2010 at a joint US 281 EIS and Loop 1604 EIS coordination meeting held at Government Canyon State Natural Area.

As stated above, the two years of presence/absence surveys in the original study area and one year in the extended area have resulted in negative findings for active breeding by the GCWA and BCVI. It is our opinion an additional year of presence/absence surveys should be conducted in suitable habitat blocks within the extended area so all suitable GCWA and BCVI habitat blocks would be covered by two years of surveys. As discussed in the September 15 meeting, given the level of effort exerted to date with negative findings and the diminished state of habitat quantity and quality along the corridor, we feel it is unlikely that the GCWA or BCVI breed in the study area or the extended area; therefore, it is the belief of our consultants that a third year of presence/absence surveys in either the study area or extended area would not provide additional ecological data of any value. At the September 15, 2010 meeting it was agreed by attendees that an additional year of survey in the study area would provide no additional ecological data of any value, and therefore, no further GCWA presence/absence survey work would be required by the USFWS within the Loop 1604 study area. It was also agreed that a second year of surveys should be conducted in the extended area so that all habitat blocks would be covered by two full years of presence/absence surveys.

Summary

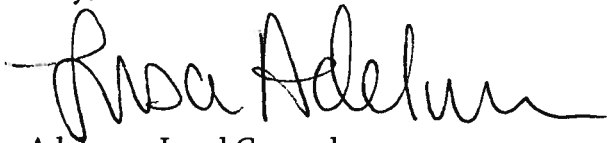
Based on negative findings in two years of presence/absence surveys for the GCWA and/or BCVI within the US 281 and most of the Loop 1604 study areas, and the marginal quality of the habitat in both study areas, it is our consultant team's opinion that no additional presence/absence surveys are necessary to determine the likelihood of their occurrence in either study area. It is also our opinion that an additional year of presence/absence surveys

Ms. Allison Arnold
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office
October 18, 2010
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in suitable GCWA and BCVI habitat in the extended area of Loop 1604 should be conducted during the 2011 breeding season.

We respectfully request your concurrence or further guidance and/or recommendations on these positions to assure compliance with the Endangered Species Act. Please provide a written response addressed to the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority and copied to the Federal Highways Administration's Austin Office and TxDOT's Environmental Affairs Division in Austin. Thank you for your continued assistance with this project.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Adelman, Legal Counsel
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority

Cc: Justin Ham, P.E., Federal Highway Administration
Vicki Crnich, Texas Department of Transportation



November 4, 2010

Steven Brooks
Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 17300
Fort Worth, TX 76102

US 281: Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Drive Environmental Impact Statement, CSJ 0253-04-138

Re: Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU – Coordination on Methodologies to be Used and Level of Detail required in the Analysis of Alternatives

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is preparing the above referenced Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for US 281. We are transmitting the October 2010 update of the draft Coordination Plan. The Coordination Plan was previously sent to your agency in August 2009.

In accordance with Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU, we are also providing an opportunity for involvement by cooperating and participating agencies in defining the methods and level of detail in the analysis of alternatives for the EIS. The attached table describes the proposed resource specific methodologies to be used and the level of detail required in the analysis of the alternatives in the US 281 EIS. Please take this opportunity to review and comment on the information presented in the attached table. Your comments are requested by February 8, 2011.

In accordance with 40 CFR 1503.3(b), if your agency disagrees with the proposed methodology to be used in the analysis of an alternative, please provide an alternate methodology and the reason why the alternate methodology is your agency's preference.

After the February 8, 2011 comment deadline, the Alamo RMA, FHWA and TxDOT will consider all comments received and make a decision on the methodology and level of detail to be used in the analysis of alternatives in the EIS. The joint lead agencies may revise a methodology at any time. If substantial changes occur, collaboration with the agencies with jurisdiction by law in that methodology will occur before the methodology is revised.

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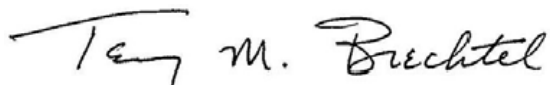
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If you have any questions or would like to discuss the proposed project or methodologies in more detail, please contact:

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Legal Counsel to the Alamo RMA
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San Antonio, Texas 78212
(210) 495-5499
LAdelman@AlamoRMA.org

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

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Terry M. Brechtel
Executive Director

Enclosures: Draft Coordination Plan (October 2010) and the Draft US 281 EIS Methodologies and Level of Detail in the Analysis of Alternatives Table

cc: Vicki Crnich, TxDOT – Environmental Affairs Division
Justin Ham, P.E., Texas Division, FHWA

Letters regarding coordination on the methodologies used and level of detail required in the analysis of alternatives were sent from Alamo Regional Mobility Authority to the following:

Coordination on Methodologies to be Used and Level of Detail Required in the Analysis of Alternatives	Date Letter Sent
Ms. Peggy Crist Director, Planning and Program Development Federal Transit Administration 819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36 Fort Worth, Texas 76102	November 4, 2010
Mr. Steven Brooks Chief, Regulatory Branch Fort Worth District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 17300 Fort Worth, TX 76102	November 4, 2010
Mr. Donald W. Gohmert State Conservationist U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service 101 South Main Temple, TX 76501	November 4, 2010
Mr. Larry Starfield Regional Administrator, Region 6 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, TX 75202-2733	November 4, 2010
Mr. Adam Zerrenner Supervisor, Austin Ecological Services Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200 Austin, TX 78758	November 4, 2010
Mr. Willie R. Taylor Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance U.S. Department of the Interior Main Interior Building (MS 2462) 1849 C. Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240	November 4, 2010
Mr. Andele Worthington BIA-Anadarko P.O. Box 309 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2010
Mr. John Tointigh Tribal Administrator Apache Tribe of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1220 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2010
Mr. Gary McAdams President Wichita and Affiliated Tribes P.O. Box 729 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2010

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Mr. Ronnie Thomas Chairperson Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas 575 State Park Rd 56 Livingston, TX 77351	November 4, 2010
Mr. Tarpie Yargee Chief Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town P.O. Box 187 Wetumka, OK 74883	November 4, 2010
Ms. LaRue Parker Chairperson Caddo Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 487 Binger, Ok 73009	November 4, 2010
Ms. Ruth Toahty NAGPRA Coordinator Comanche nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 908 Lawton, OK 73502	November 4, 2010
Mr. Billy Horse Chairperson Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma P.O. Box 369 Carnegie, OK 73015	November 4, 2010
Mr. Mark Chino President Mescalero Apache Tribe P.O. Box 227 Mescalero, NM 88340	November 4, 2010
Enoch Kelley Haney Principal Chief Seminole Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1498 Wewoka, OK 74884	November 4, 2010
Mr. Edgar French President The Delaware Nation P.O. Box 825 Anadarko, OK 73005	November 4, 2010
Mr. Anthony Street President Tonkawa Tribe of Indians and Oklahoma 1 Rush Buffalo Road Tonkawa, OK 74653	November 4, 2010
Mr. Dean Arnold Environmental Attorney Advisor U.S. Air Force, Camp Bullis 502 MSG/JA Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234	November 4, 2010

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Mr. Mark Wolfe Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Texas Historical Commission P.O. Box 12276 Austin, TX 78711-2276	November 4, 2010
Mr. Carter Smith Executive Director Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TP&WD) 4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 78744	November 4, 2010
Mr. Mark R. Vickery, P.G. Executive Director Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087	November 4, 2010
Mr. Nelson W. Wolff County Judge Bexar County Bexar County Courthouse 100 Dolorosa, Suite 1.20 San Antonio, TX 78205	November 4, 2010
Mr. Julián Castro Mayor City of San Antonio PO Box 839966 San Antonio, TX 78283	November 4, 2010
The Honorable Danny Scheel County Judge Comal county 199 Main Plaza New Braunfels, TX 78130	November 4, 2010
The Honorable Ray Jeffrey Mayor City of Bulverde 30360 Cougar Bend Bulverde, TX 78163	November 4, 2010
Ms. Velma R. Danielson General Manager Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78215	November 4, 2010
Mr. Robert R. Puente, J.D. President/CEO San Antonio Water System P.O. Box 2449 San Antonio, TX 78298-2449	November 4, 2010

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Suzanne B. Scott General Manager San Antonio River Authority 100 East Guenther Street San Antonio, Texas 78204	November 4, 2010
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Mr. Keith Parker President & CEO VIA Metropolitan Transit 800 W. Myrtle San Antonio, TX 78212	November 4, 2010
Ms. Gloria C. Arriaga Executive Director Alamo Area Council of Governments 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 San Antonio, TX 78217-6228	November 4, 2010
Mr. Tim Trevino Public Relations Director Alamo Area Rural Planning Organization 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 San Antonio, TX 78217	November 4, 2010
Mr. Rob Villarreal Director of Engineering Bexar Metropolitan Water District P.O. Box 245994 San Antonio, TX 78224-5994	November 4, 2010



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Lisa Adelman
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San Antonio, Texas 78212

Consultation Number 21450-2011-F-0180

Dear Ms. Adelman:

This letter responds to the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority's (Alamo RMA) October 18, 2010, letter requesting concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) that two years of absence data from surveys for the golden-cheeked warblers (*Dendroica chrysoparia*) and black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*) along the proposed Loop 1604 and US 281 project route are sufficient to conclude that neither species is likely to occur within either project area. Both species are species listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)(Act).

Section 7 of the Act requires that all Federal agencies consult with the Service to ensure that the actions authorized, funded, or carried out by such agencies do not jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered species or adversely modify or destroy critical habitat of such species. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the Federal agency associated with this proposed action.

US 281

Alamo RMA conducted habitat assessments for both bird species in 2009 within the US 281 study area. Alamo RMA determined that habitat for golden-cheeked warbler is present in the project area and that suitable black-capped vireo habitat does not occur within the project area, therefore, no surveys to detect black-capped vireos were conducted. Surveys for golden-cheeked warbler were conducted in the study area in 2009; in 2010 surveys were conducted in areas along the right-of-way where access was granted. The results of two years of survey data for golden-cheeked warbler collected in the US 281 project area indicate that the species is absent from the surveyed areas.

1604 Loop

Initially, the 1604 Loop project area extended from I-35 to Potranco Road. Accordingly, in 2009 Alamo RMA assessed habitat and surveyed for presence/absence of black-capped vireo and golden-cheeked warbler in the project area. In 2010, the project area was expanded to include



the area from I-35 to US 90. Again, Alamo RMA conducted habitat assessments and presence/absence surveys for both species in the initial and expanded project area. At the end of the breeding season in 2010, areas assessed as suitable habitat within the initial project had been surveyed twice and areas of habitat in the expanded project area had been surveyed once. The Service understands that Alamo RMA is conducting a second year of survey in the expanded area during the 2011 breeding season. At the time of this letter, the 2011 surveys are ongoing and the results will not be available until after the survey season. If, after two consecutive years of survey data for each area results in absence of the golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo in the project area, then the Service agrees with Alamo RMA that additional surveys at this time would render very little if any useful information to make an effects determination pursuant to section 7 of the Act. However, modifications to the proposed project or the addition of new information that suggests listed species or critical habitat may be affected by your proposed project should be submitted to our office for further consideration. Furthermore, the Service recommends that surveys be conducted if construction is delayed more than three years from the date of this letter in order to ensure that the areas are still unoccupied.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tanya Sommer at 512-490-0057, extension 222.

Sincerely,



Adam Zerrenner
acting Field Supervisor

cc: Justin Ham, FHWA, Austin, Texas
Vicky Crnich, TxDOT, ENV, Austin, Texas

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

November 14, 2011

Mr. Barrlynn West, P.G.

Texas Department of Transportation, San Antonio District

P.O. Box 29928

San Antonio, Texas 78229

Re: Edwards Aquifer, Bexar County

NAME OF PROJECT: ~~Power Pole Hole Cave~~; Located ~~US 281~~ just south of
Sonterra Boulevard; San Antonio, Texas

TYPE OF PLAN: Request for Approval to Protect a Sensitive Feature;

30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 213

Edwards Aquifer Protection Program File No. 13-11103111

Dear Mr. West:

The TCEQ Austin Regional Office has reviewed the geological report and protective recommendation prepared by Zara Environmental and Jacobs Engineering concerning the sensitive feature encountered in your right of way (ROW). The feature was encountered during drilling of a utility power pole slot in December 2005. No active construction is occurring. The opening is approximately 4 foot in diameter and extends to a depth of 18 feet below the ground surface. The space opens into a crawl space of about 50 feet in length.

The reports were evaluated and gating is recommended to minimize potential interaction with contaminants and the public; therefore, we have no objection to your construction plans which preserve the feature and continue to allow air and water exchanges to exist.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kevin Lee Smith, P.E. of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program at the Austin Regional Office (512) 339-2929.

Sincerely,

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Carolyn D. Runyon
Water Program Manager
Austin Region

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cc: TCEQ Central Records, Building F, MC 212

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Received by: _____

April 4, 2011

Terry M. Brechtel
Executive Director
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
1222 N. Main Ave., Ste. 1000
San Antonio, Texas 78212

RE: U.S. 281 North Environmental Impact Statement Project

Dear Ms. Brechtel:

The Town of Hollywood Park requests to participate in this project as a Participating Agency and would also request the maximum amount of information that is available to us throughout the course of this project. The City would also request to provide a representative on the U.S. 281 North EIS Community Advisory Group.

The Town of Hollywood Park does not waive any rights as a local governmental entity/agency and requests that the project be coordinated with the City as provided for by all applicable laws.

As the Town of Hollywood Park is located at the intersection of Loop 1604 and U.S. 281 North, any improvements or developments along the U.S. 281 North Project Corridor may have direct or indirect affects on the health, safety, general welfare, economic well-being, unique character, and stability of our community.

We look forward to working with your organization and other project agencies in the successful completion of this project and identification of any potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts.

I may be reached by mail, phone, (210) 494-2023, ext. 225, or e-mail, mayor@hollywoodpark-tx.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Sartor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Bob Sartor
Mayor



May 6, 2011

The Honorable Bob Sartor, Mayor
Town of Hollywood Park
No. 2 Mecca Drive
Hollywood Park, TX 78232-2298

Dear Mayor Sartor,

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On behalf of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) it is my pleasure to invite your organization to be an active part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the US 281 corridor from Loop 1604 going north to Borgfeld Drive.

Your organization has been identified as a key organization with regard to the EIS as an interested stakeholder. As part of our efforts to keep the stakeholders and the community informed and involved in the development of the EIS, we have created a US 281 EIS Community Advisory Committee. This committee provides the Alamo RMA EIS team with input and feedback as the EIS is developed.

At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to invite you to select a representative from your organization to serve on the Community Advisory Committee. The EIS process is tentatively scheduled to be complete in 2013 and this committee has held five (5) out of a total twelve (12) meetings planned for this project. We would like to offer a community presentation to your group and/or a meeting with your chosen representatives to provide an overview of the EIS process and a project status update.

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for mid June 2011. The exact location, date, and time is to be determined and each meeting will be approximately two (2) hours. Please see the enclosed US 281 Environmental Impact Statement Community Advisory Committee Charter for additional information.

If you have any questions on this committee, please contact Leroy Alloway, Alamo RMA Director of Community Development at lalloway@alamorma.org or by phone at (210) 495-5256.

To formally designate a member of your organization to serve as your official representative, please fill out the enclosed nomination form and either email it to US281EIS@AlamoRMA.org, fax it to 495-5403 attention: US 281 Community Advisory Committee, or mail it to: Alamo RMA, 1222 N. Main Avenue, Suite 1000, San Antonio, Texas 78212. The Alamo RMA asks that the designation be received no later than June 6, 2011 so your representative is able to attend our next committee meeting.

It is my sincere hope that you will accept this invitation to have your organization represented among the 33 entities on this committee. A listing of all current members is enclosed for your information as well.

Your organization's representation will make very valuable contributions to this committee and this EIS endeavor.

We look forward to working with you, and the rest of our community, over the coming weeks, months, and years as we strive to find a long-term solution to the congestion impacting US 281.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, cooperation and time in helping advance relief for US 281.

Sincerely,

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Dr. William E. Thornton
Chairman

Enclosures:
Representative Designation Form
Membership Listing
US 281 EIS Community Advisory Committee Charter



May 6, 2011

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), has initiated an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed transportation project on US 281. The project limits are from Loop 1604 north of San Antonio, Texas, to Borgfeld Drive near the Bexar/Comal County line (CSJ 0253-04-138 and CSJ: 0253-04-920). The purpose of US 281 corridor improvements, as currently defined, is to improve mobility and accessibility, improve safety, and enhance community quality of life. Additional information regarding the proposed project can be found in the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI).

Your agency has been identified as an agency that may have an interest in the proposed project. With this letter, we extend your agency an invitation to become a Participating Agency with the Alamo RMA in the development of the EIS for the subject project. This designation does not imply that your agency either supports the proposal or has any special expertise with respect to evaluation of the proposed project.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Participating Agencies are responsible to identify, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the project. We suggest that your agency's role in the development of the above project should include the following as they relate to your area of expertise:

- 1: Provide meaningful and early input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
- 2: Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews as appropriate.
- 3: Timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

Please respond to the Alamo RMA in writing by June 6, 2011 if your agency wishes to become a Participating Agency.

We are also transmitting a copy of the draft SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Coordination Plan your review and comment. The draft Coordination Plan provides additional insight regarding the overall Section 6002 process as well as specific roles and responsibilities for Cooperating and Participating Agencies.

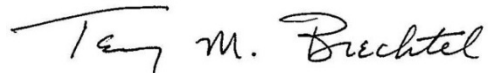
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If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the proposed project or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact:

Ms. Lisa Adelman, Legal Counsel to the Alamo RMA
1222 N. Main Ave, 10th Floor
San Antonio, Texas 78212
(210) 495-5499

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

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Terry Brechtel
Executive Director

Enclosures: Project NOI, Draft Coordination Plan, Study Area Map and the Draft US 281 EIS Methodologies and Level of Detail in the Analysis of Alternatives Table

cc: Ms. Dianna F. Noble, P.E., TxDOT – Environmental Affairs Division
Ms. Vicki Crnich, TxDOT – Environmental Affairs Division
Mr. Salvador Deocampo, Texas Division, FHWA
Mr. Justin Ham, P.E., Texas Division, FHWA